

Honda Rider's Club of America, Chapter #556

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2007 Season Kicks Off On March 24th by Dave Faulk

Upcoming Events:

- 24 MAR—First Ride of the Season!
- 14 APR Ride to Poinsettia Mine
- 28-29 APR Ride/camping in Mina
- 12 MAY Ride to Wonder and Fairview Peak
- 26-28 MAY Ride/camping in Monitor Valley

The 2007 riding season is finally almost here! After too many months of cold weather it's finally time to get out the ATVs and start riding again.

As most of you know, we held meetings in January, February and March to discuss the upcoming riding season, places where we wanted to ride and elected officers for the 2007 season. Speaking of the election, for those of you who didn't know, the officers will remain the same for this year. Stan will remain as the President, Gary as the VP, Rose as the Treasurer and Dealer Rep, and me as the Secretary/Newsletter editor and web guy.

This year we have expanded our ride schedule from 10 rides last year to 16 this year. Our riding season will go from March through November. There will be two rides each month from April through October, and one ride each in March and November. Having two rides per month was one of the most heard comments for improvements for this year. What comes with more rides is more planning, and we sure can use your help with that. Some have already stepped forward to be Trail Boss for a ride and others of you that are thinking about it need to step up and volun-

teer. Don't be afraid, we will help you—just ask.

Our schedule this year repeats some of the areas that we rode in last year and adds many new ones. In addition to many day rides, we will have our first night ride and many of weekend camping trips. For the camping trips, many riders show up for the Saturday ride only, and that's fine. If you haven't camped with the group, I would highly recommend it as we have a lot of fun. We usually go on another short ride on Sunday morning with whoever stayed the night.

Some of the repeat locations we will be riding are: La Plata, Aurora, Edwards Creek, Big Creek (camping), San Juan Creek (camping), and Red Mountain. Our new locations for this year include: Poinsettia, Mina (camping), Wonder/Fairview Peak, Monitor Valley (camping), Ione (camping), Wild Horse/Jarbidge (camping), 40 mile desert (night ride), Bass Camp, Virginia City, and Desert Creek.

Be sure to check the [Calendar](#) and [Rides](#) sections of the web page for the up to date schedule and times and places we are meeting for the rides.

See you on the 24th.



Chapter 556?

Did anyone notice that the Chapter number on the website had been #269 for the past few months? If not, you are paying attention as well as I am!

When I was writing this newsletter I noticed that the chapter number was #556 and I said to Rose, "What is our Chapter number?" She said the website showed #269. I did some looking on the internet and confirmed that we are chapter #556. So how did I use #269 on the website? Just so happens that this is the number for the Cal Coast Riders, a motorcycle club in Ventura, CA that I used to be involved with.

As a matter of fact, that's where Rose and I met. I designed the logo for the club that they still use. Go over to their website and check it out. <http://calcoastriders.com>

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President Stan

The President's Message by Stan Wickware

Welcome to the 2007 quad riding year! Boy what a difference a year makes! This time last year we didn't know how the club would do or if it would even be successful.

We were hoping to get a few people out who wanted to share their love of riding quads and exploring our state with us. We were fortunate to have between 13 & 18 riders on every trip last year. And the turn out to our winter month's Round Table meetings was awesome!

So much of the success of that

first year is due not only to the officers of the club, but to you riders that joined us on each ride. For without you, we would have just been out riding by ourselves!

As we are starting off our 2nd year, we are looking forward to a safe and fun year. We look forward to exploring new and different hidden, off-the-beaten path areas of Nevada. We really want to encourage you to share any suggestions you may have on improvements for the club or where to ride with us at any time.

We are still looking for people to be the Trail Boss, or the one to lead a ride. It isn't a hard job, you just have to lead the rest of us on your favorite trail. If you know of a neat site but are unsure of the exact path, then get with Dave and he can plot the course on the GPS. One positive benefit of being the Trail Boss is that you don't have to eat everybody else's dust!

I hope each and every one of you have a great year. Hope to see you on the Rides.

Stan

Modern Day Quad Rider by Larry Harrison

I'm a part of the modern day wranglers,
 And I'm sure you've seen us before
 Sometimes on top of the mountain,
 Sometimes on the valley floor.
 Our mounts are not hay burners,
 We run on straight gasoline,
 We don't use spurs or bridles,
 When we sit on this four-wheeled machine.
 We follow the streams up the canyons,
 We ride the roads to the mines,
 We see some buildings still standing,
 But they're fading away with time.
 My hair is not thick and wavy,
 Like it was when I was a teen,
 But it's straight, and gray and loose,
 And it's slowly leaving the scene.

My back is not straight and strong like it was,
 And my legs don't carry me well,
 But my rear still fits in the seat real good,
 And my hands still work just swell.
 I tipped this wild thing over, twice,
 And I lost lots of hide and blood,
 But a face full of stitches, a new shirt and
 Some pants, I got back on this stud.
 I'm a little more careful and cautious now,
 And I enjoy my time in the hills.
 I'm hoping they'll all be smooth rides now.
 No more of those wild thrills.
 I'm a modern day quad rider,
 I'm one of the very few,
 But I'm like the old house in the canyon,
 Someday I'll be fading too!



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

Trail Signs by Dave & Alicia

As we start the new riding season, I would like to go over a few signals that we all should be using when out on the trail. These signals are pretty much universal and anyone that rides off-road should know them. With the help of my daughter Alicia, here goes.

When you pass other riders on the trail, you will notice that many times they raise a couple of fingers (Figs 1 & 2). They're not giving you the peace sign! They are telling you that there are another two riders behind them. This lets you know what's coming up as you continue on down the trail. Likewise, you should raise your hand and tell them, by using your fingers, how many riders are behind you. So what do you do if there are 15 people behind you? I would slow and stop and make sure I tell

them. As a minimum you should hold up your entire hand so they know there are at least five people behind you. The other thing that this assumes is that you know where you are in the group. The last person would hold up a closed fist indicating that there are no more riders behind him/her.

As we are riding in a line, if the person in front of you raises their left hand with a closed fist they are telling you that they are stopping and that you should stop (Fig 3). This could be for a various number of reasons. The key is that you see the sign and stop behind the person in front of you. Speaking of stopping along the trail, we should always stop single file on either the left-hand or right-hand side of the trail. We should not be on both sides or in the middle. There needs to be room so others can get by.

If the person in front of you is holding their hand out with palm down and moving it up and down, they are telling you to slow down (Fig 4).

As we proceed along the trail, you need to make sure that the person behind you knows where to turn before you get out of sight. Because of the dusty conditions that we are going to experience probably from the first ride, we are going to spread out. Spreading out is good, as it's not good to breathe the dust nor is it good for your bike to breathe it. The flip side to spreading out is that you must make sure the person behind you sees where you have turned. Once they see you, then you can spread out again. No one wants to get lost, and it only takes someone in the middle of the group going the wrong way to make half of the group get lost.

Meet the President by Stan Wickware



I came to Fallon through the Navy. I was born in Florida and raised through my High School years in Ohio. During my senior year of High School, I was drafted into the service with the US Navy. I did two tours in Vietnam and I am a DAV. After Vietnam I was stationed in Lemoore, CA and eventually was transferred to Fallon where I met my wife. I have owned and operated Stan's Electric for the past five years.

Before that, I worked for Fallon Electric for nearly 23 years. My wife Crystal has owned and operated Crystal Cleaners for the last 11 years. We have two children, Kevin who works for the Boys and Girls Club and also is a substitute Teacher; and Robbie who is in his 3rd year of teaching history at the Junior High School in Fallon. We also have in our family, Robbie's fiancé Sarah who is from Leavenworth, Kansas. They are getting married in

the fall.

We have been quading for just two years. The first year we went out five or six times and then last year we rode all over with and without the club. We enjoy the outdoors, camping, fishing and now quading. I also like to slip in a round of golf when I can. We have hooked our kids on quading as well.

Meet the Vice President by Gary Mills



I was born and raised in Fallon and grew up on a dairy farm here. My family was lucky enough that I went to the same high school my father, grand father, and son went to.

My riding motorized things starting on mini bikes about 1970? or so. Over the years we had a couple of mini-bikes as kids and have always loved them. For several years some of my family had 3 wheelers and quads and later jet skis which when we got to ride we had a tremendous amount of fun.

After high school I went to college for a couple of years and then decided to try the military out, which turned out to be pretty good. During this time I

got married and my son Chase (another builder of all things) was born, later during my mining stint my daughter Daphne (a track STAR!) was born. With one stint served in the Army on artillery computers for four years making my way to a sergeant and then continued for a couple of years in the Ready Reserve which was actually a lot of fun, it allowed me to travel a bit on Uncle Sam's dime which I liked too. Upon my discharge from regular service I went back to college and got my first degree in business.

A couple more years I worked back on our dairy farm and then went into gold mining as a metallurgical technician, later

switching to the Communications business. After a while I went back to college again but this time working full time and school full time, figured it would not hurt so I got another degree, this time in Information systems.

For hobbies I love to build just about anything out of wood or metal including kitchens, baths, and furniture in our 1937 craftsman home, restoring from the ground up an old '66 bronco, camping, riding bikes and quads, sailing/racing sailboats. My wife just wishes I would work more on the house and quit getting distracted with all the fun things I love to do.

Meet the Treasurer/Dealer Rep by Rose Faulk

Who would have thought that a year ago our ATV club would have this much interest? I have met some really nice people and rode to some spectacular places. It is sooooo true that you have to get off the highway to discover Nevada! As most of you already know, I have two rides this year that have sparked an interest for me. The first one is to ride over in the Monitor Valley area to see the Miniature Grand Canyon and Diana's Punch Bowl. The second major ride is North of Elko. That would be the Wild Horse to Jarbidge ride. I have only seen pictures and heard stories of how awesome the area is - so I'm sure whoever goes with us will have a blast!

Okay this is the part where I tell you some interesting things about myself. You know I like to talk. 8^) I have been ATVing only since 2002. I have logged over 1,500 miles on two ATV's. As you all know I am married to Dave, (our resident web master) now five years and it's been one adventure after another. I met Dave when I was a member of the CalCoast Riders Motorcycle Club in my previous life. I was just a passenger then. This year, I plan to squeeze in a motorcycle safety class so I can learn to ride a street bike. I have two kids that both ATV: Alicia is 13 years old and is the youngest member of our club. Ryan is 18 years old and lives with his father in Central California where he is attending junior college. We hope

that he can make it out this Summer to ride with us. And we can't forget about the Big Brown Dog! Bella, a Chocolate Lab was introduced to me by Pat Schilder (club member). Really, I wasn't looking for a pet. If you ever get to camp with the club you will certainly get to meet her. Just wish she would ATV with us.

I have a couple of other hobbies, which are gardening and rock hounding. They are both quite addictive, just ask Dave about all the projects he has and will be helping with!

I bought an ATV trailer from Renner Equipment last year that will hold a lot of rocks and camping wood. I will be putting it to good use this year too.

Happy Riding



Meet the Secretary by Dave Faulk

I was born and grew up in Western Pennsylvania. I went to college at the University of Pittsburgh where I obtained a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. I then joined the Navy where I spent over 21 years on active duty before retiring in July 2005. Some of my duty stations included Yuma, AZ, Gulfport, MS, Port Hue-neme, CA, Naples, Italy, Sarajevo (in support of SFOR), Norfolk, VA, Fallon, NV and Washington, D.C. The Navy sent me

to graduate school in Monterey, CA where I received a M.S. in Information Systems.

While I was in Fallon the first time Rose and I married.

We were hoping to come back to Fallon after I retired and I was fortunate enough to pick up a job at the base as an engineer in Public Works. I have since moved to be the Planning Director for Public Works.

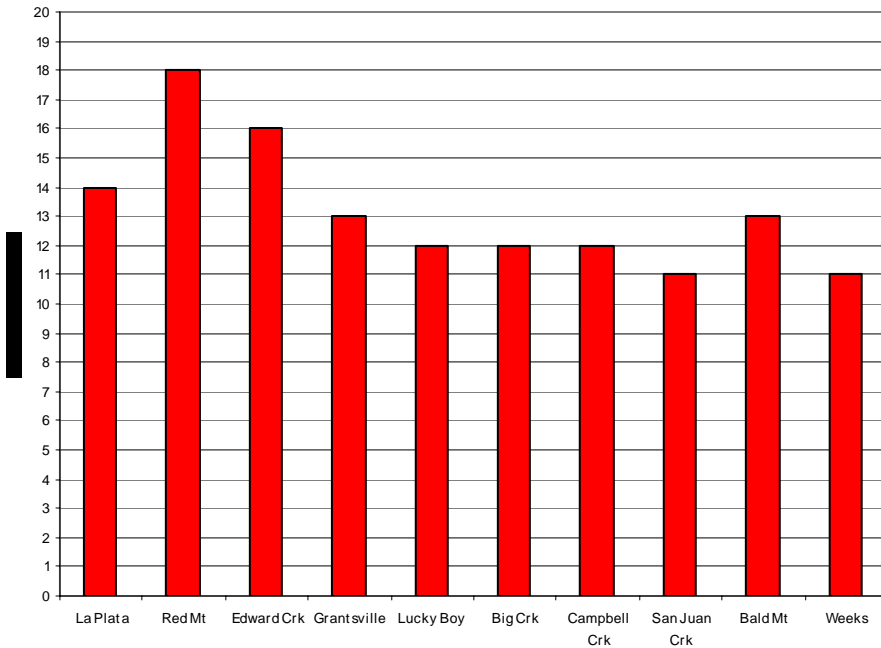
My hobbies include ATVing, motorcycling, photography and

working with computers. I have been riding street motorcycles for over 29 years. I am a certified MSF instructor for the Basic and Experienced motorcycle rider courses, and I teach on the base numerous times each year. My first ride on an ATV wasn't until 2002, but I was hooked and we (the family) have been riding ever since. It has been and continues to be a wonderful family activity. I am very lucky to have a wife that likes to ride as much as I do!



2006 Renner ATV Riders Survey Results

2006 Rider Participation

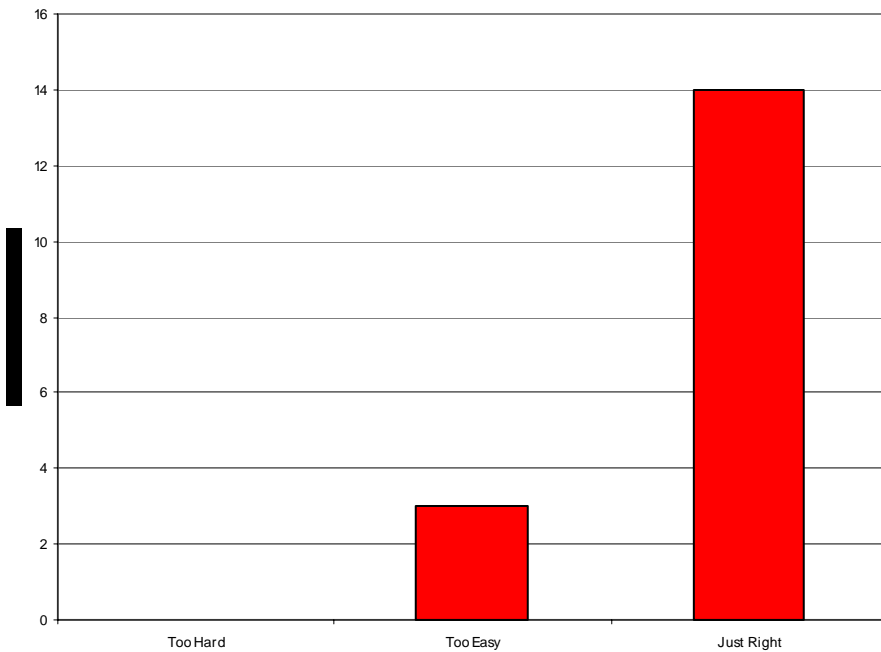


Here are the graphs and comments from the survey. These are also posted on the website.

Question 1: Which rides have you ridden this year?

We averaged about 12 people per ride.

Are the Rides?



Question 2: Are the rides too hard, too easy or just right?

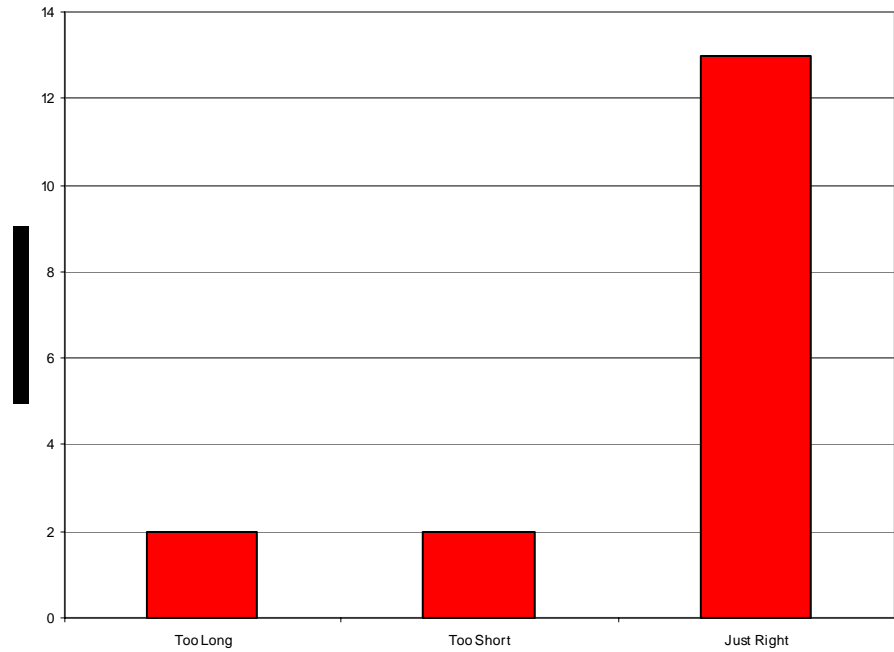
Most of the respondents thought the difficulty of the rides was "Just Right".

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Are the Rides?

Question 3: Are the rides too long, too short, or just right?

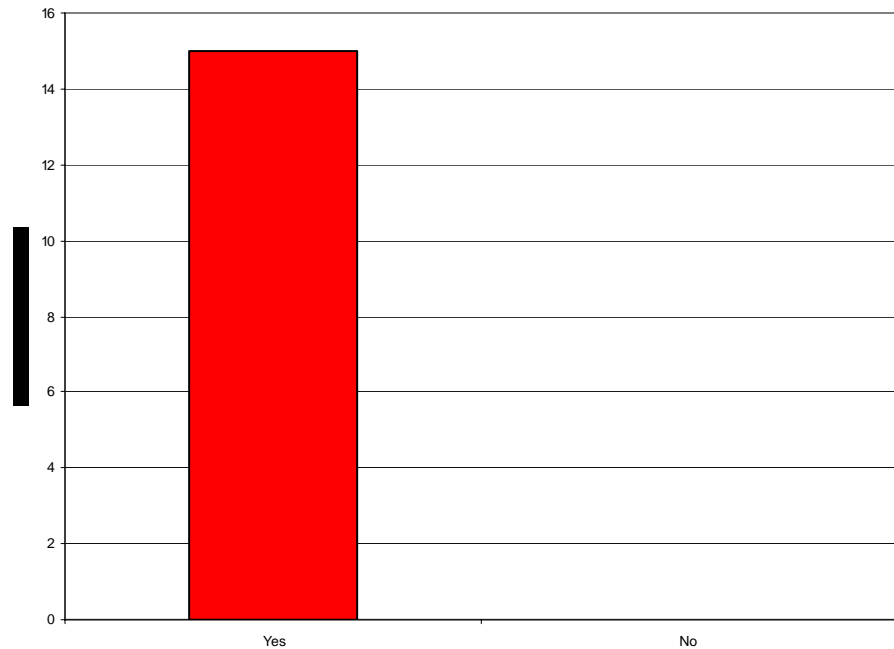
Again, the respondents voted that the distance of the rides was "Just Right".



Is Saturday the Best Day for Our Rides?

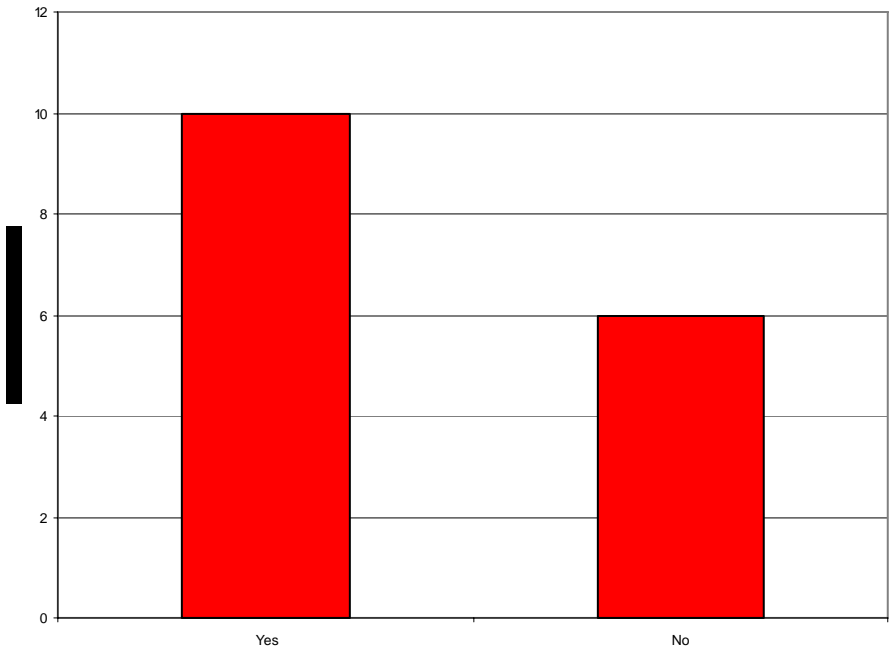
Question 4: Is Saturday the best day for our rides?

It's pretty clear that everyone thinks Saturday is the best day to ride.



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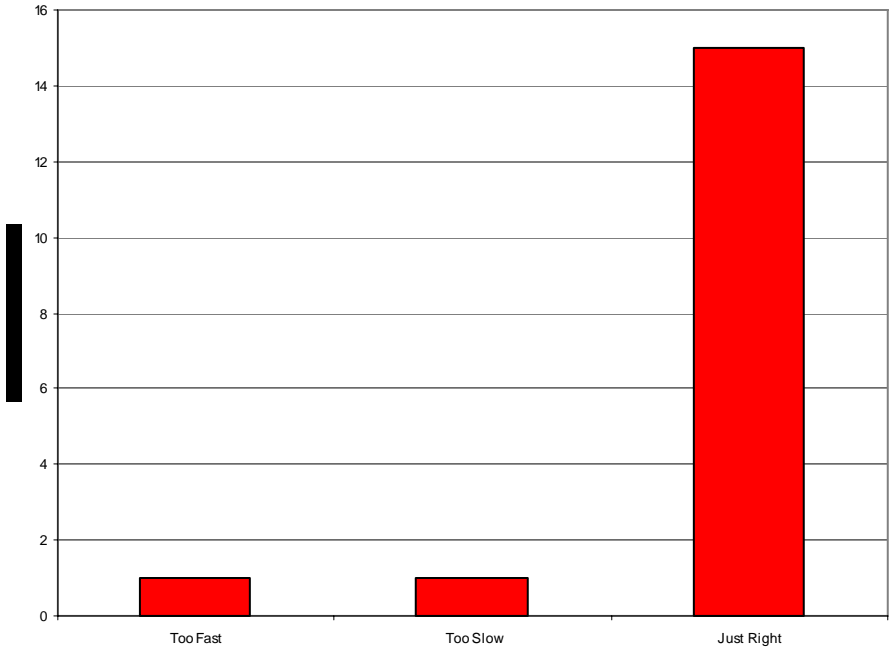
Would You Be Interested In Some of the Rides Being on Sundays?



Question 5: Would you be interested in some of the rides being on Sundays?

Although 100% of the respondents said Saturday was the best day to ride, 10 of 16 said they would go on Sunday too.

Are We Riding?



Question 6: Are we riding too fast, too slow, or just right?

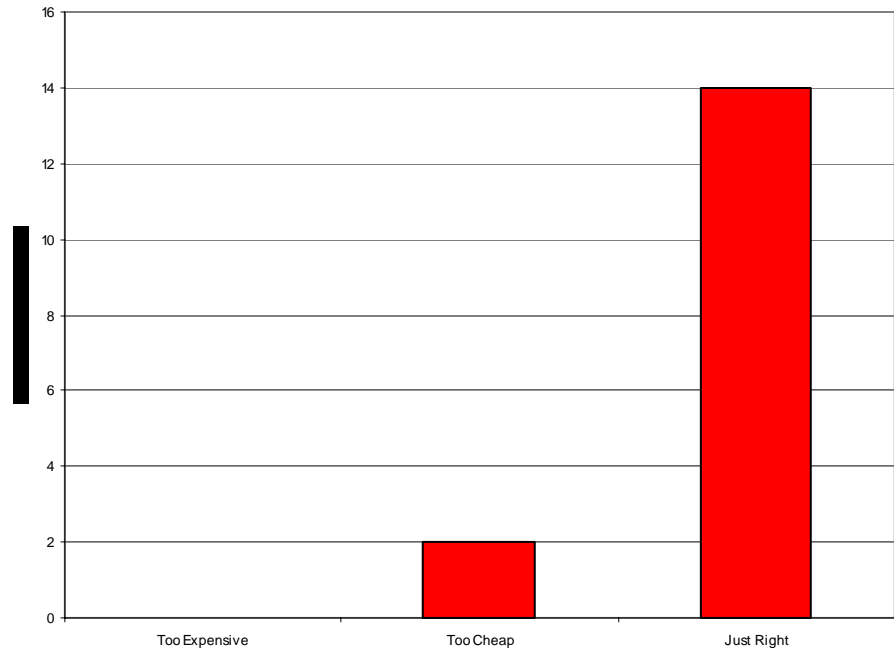
By a large margin, most people think our speed is pretty good on the trail.

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Are the Dues?

Question 7: Are the dues too expensive, too cheap or just right?

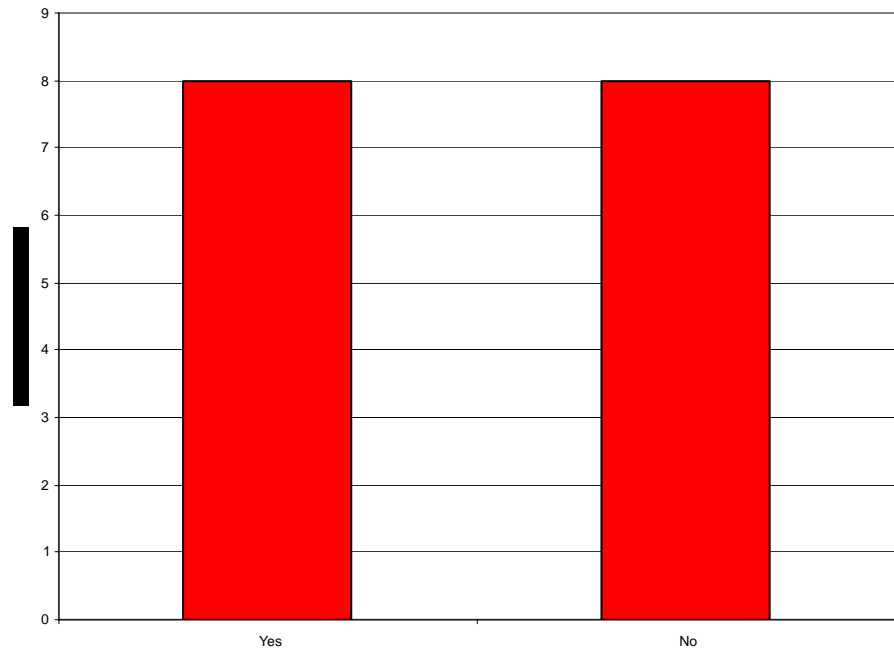
Most think our annual dues are reasonable.



Is One Ride per Month Enough?

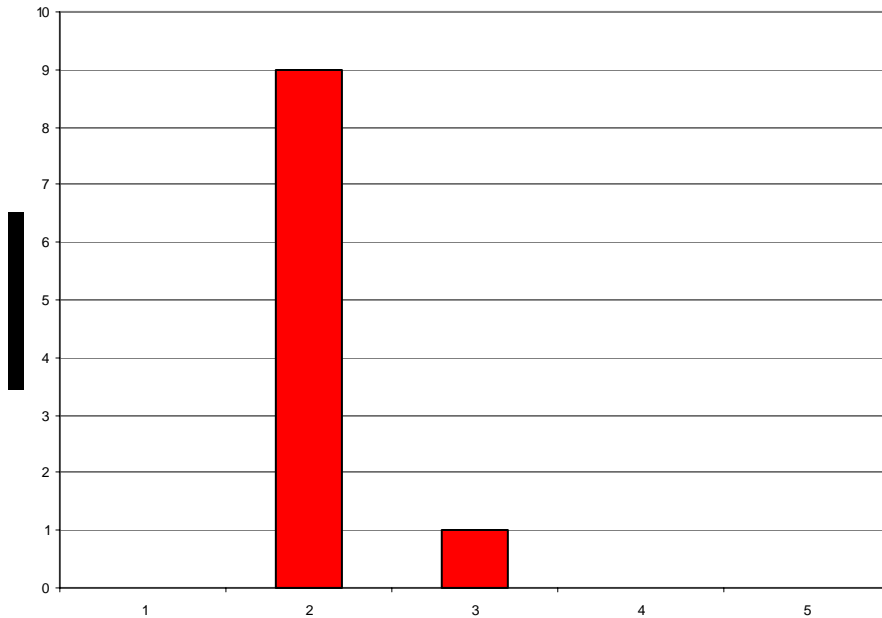
Question 8: Is one ride per month enough?

Half of the people said yes and half said no. As we said on the front page of this newsletter, we are going to have two rides in most months. We know that everyone can't make every ride, and that's OK. By having more rides we are making it more accessible for those that have to work on some weekends.



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If You Want More Than One Ride per Month, How Many More Would You Like?



Question 8a: If you want more than one ride per month, how many would you like?

The results clearly show that of those that favor more than one ride per month, two is their limit.

Question 9: Please list your ideas for future rides or events. (There is no graph for this question. Here are what people wrote as their answer to this question):

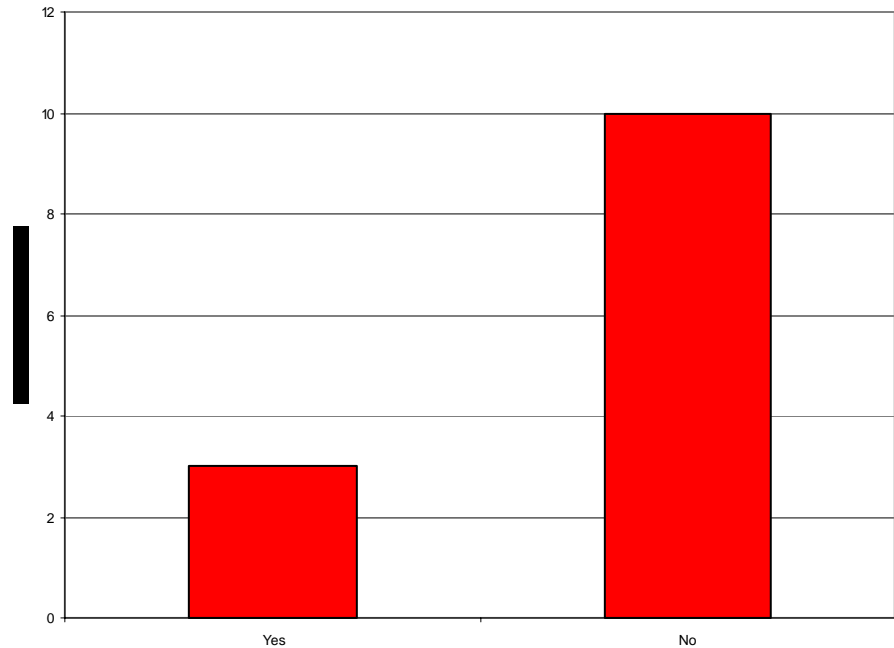
- enjoy the campouts. I think we can have some good times real close to Fallon don't have to travel far for good terrain. I have had fun that will change to Hazen Salt Flats Grimes and Stillwater to name a few.
- would like to see the group to a couple of rides in the Lake Tahoe basin area Virginia foothills and 6 mile Canyon foothills south of Dayton, Bolivia mine north of Fallon, near geothermal plant in Dixie Valley.
- Someone suggests a ride in Pleasant Valley.

2006 Renner ATV Riders Survey Results *(continued)*

Would You Be Willing to Lead a Ride?

Question 10: Would you be willing to lead a ride?

As indicated, most would rather not take the lead for a ride. I can tell those of you that are thinking about it that you should step up and enjoy the view from the front! When you lead the group through a successful ride it will give you a sense of accomplishment.



Question 11: Of the rides that you attended, which did you like the MOST and why? (There is no graph for this question. Here are what people wrote as their answer to this question):

- Big Creek extended-stay was good for us to just roam around aimlessly and see things bald Mountain was a great ride enjoyed the history at the mine in the climb and view.
- I have been on to rides as you know, I like them, all. I think the best for me was bald Mountain.
- I've enjoyed them all but would like to attend one of the campout events missed all of them so far. I enjoy seeing new country and exploring some. I don't particularly enjoy rides where there is a formation.
- Lucky Boy. It was a good mix of easy trails Rocky in some hills. All were party good.
- Weeks was getting a little too cold no place to see.
- I like the Big Creek area a lot is because I know the area and know that there are several other is to ride around. I liked red mound for the roller coaster ride, and generally I like them all because each one had something to offer. I've seen parts of Nevada that I never would have seen and we have found some hidden spots that are just beautiful.
- I enjoyed both the rides we were able to attend. The one I really wanted to go on was the overnight to big Creek since this is the area I'm most familiar with.
- I attended only one on one ride this year. It was a lot of fun, I hope to go on more next year it was not too hard and the pace was right.

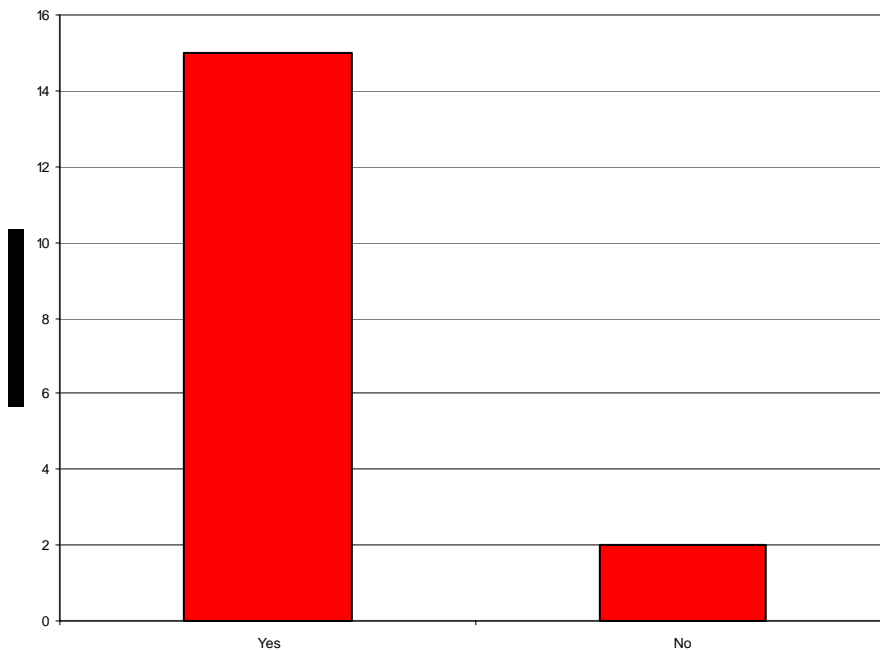
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- 11 Grantsville San Juan Creek and big Creek, mostly because I endure riding through water and trees.
- is kind of hard to pick the best ride over the rest when they were all great. I like them all.

Question 12: Of the rides that you attended, which did you like the LEAST and why? (There is no graph for this question. Here are what people wrote as their answer to this question):

- beginning of the San Juan ride which we left for mechanical, but too dusty for me on the dirt highway.
- anything the straight and dusty.
- probably Lucky Boy because and not as experienced as most and I encountered areas on this ride that were beyond my skill level. Several the rides had one or two spots that were about my ability some I conquered and some I didn't.
- The length of the rides has been okay on the longer ones I would like to see more frequent breaks.

Do You Go to the Web Page for Information?



Question 13: Do you go to and use the web page for information?

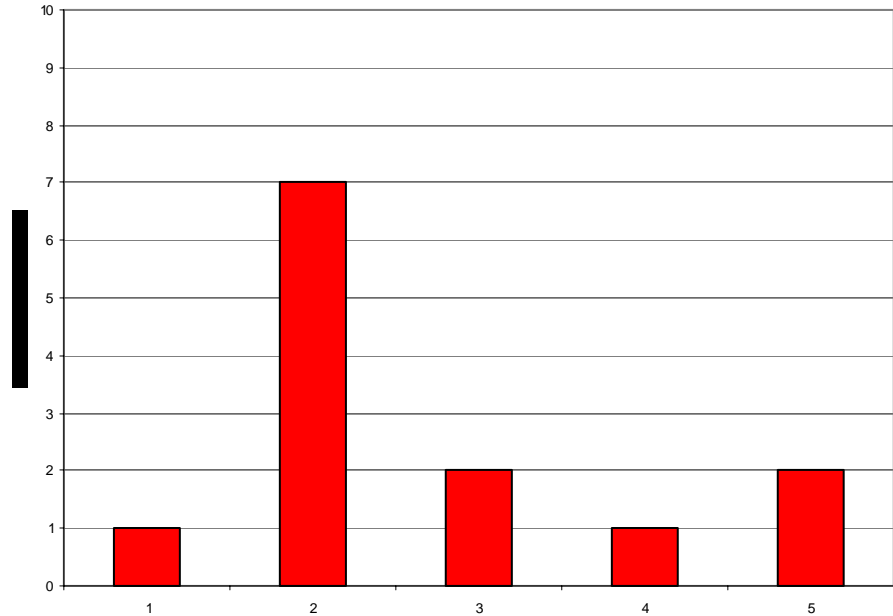
Most said they use the web site. This is good since the page contains the most current information and is a great resource.

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If You Go to the Web Page, How Many Times per Week Do You Visit?

Question 13a: If you answered YES to question 13, how many times per week do you visit the web page?

The majority of people said a couple of times per week, with many visiting three or more times.



Top Places Visited on the Website

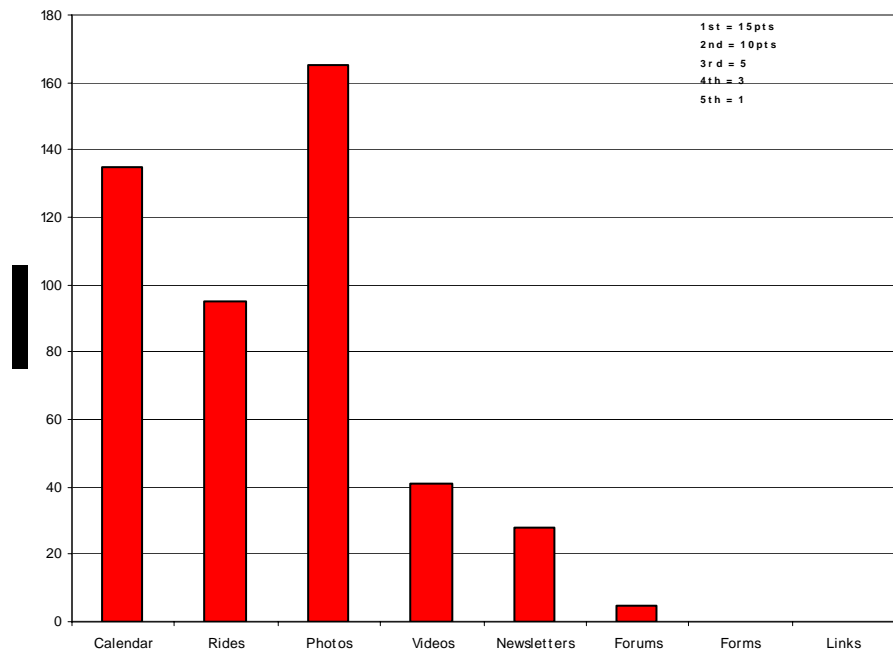
Question 14: List the top three places you visit on the web page (i.e. Calendar, Rides, Photos, Videos, Newsletters, Forums, Online Forms, Links, Bylaws)? Please list them in order of use from most to least.

I assigned a point system as follows:

1st: 15 points, 2nd: 10 points

3rd: 5 points, 4th: 3 points, 5th: 1 point

Based on the results the most visited pages on the site are: Photos, Calendar, Rides, Videos.

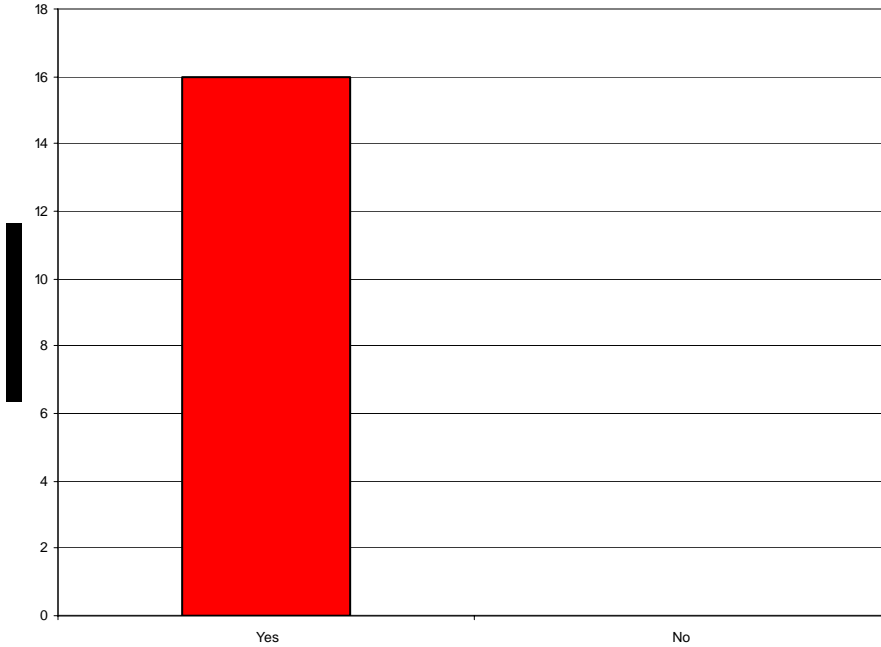


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Do You Read the Newsletter?

Question 15: Do you read the newsletter?

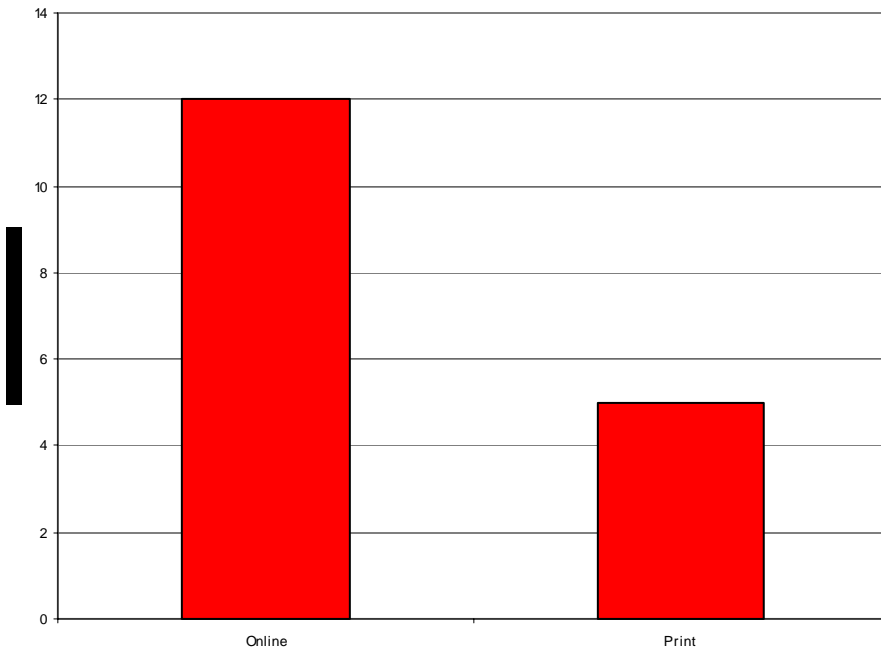
Everyone said they are reading it.



Do You Read the Online or Print Version of the Newsletter?

Question 15a: If you answered YES to question 15, do you read it online or print it out?

I was surprised to see that by a ratio of almost two to one most people read it online. If you print it out, this issue sure is going to use a lot of paper and ink!

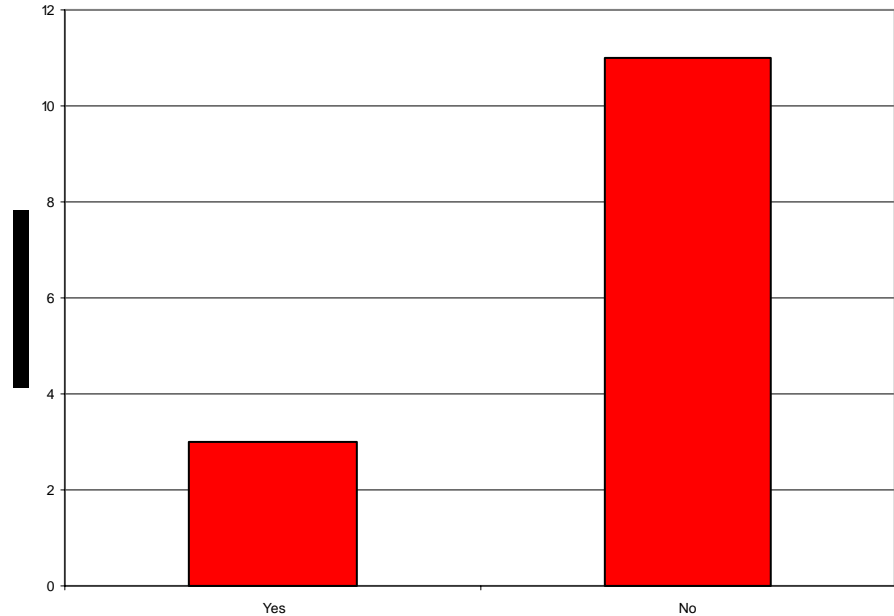


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Question 16: Should we stop generating the newsletter and just use the web page?

The majority said no to this question. I think there may have been some misunderstanding based on the way I worded the question. What I was trying to ask was if the articles were placed on the web pages vice being done in Adobe Acrobat, would that be OK.

Should We Stop Generating the Newsletter and Just Use the Web Page?



Question 17: Is there something that you would like to see on the web page that isn't there? If so, please list the items.

- more members on the forum.

Question 18: Please use this space to list any other comments you have.

- unable to view the newsletter on the PC. I think my system is obsolete. Will try on the laptop. The CD was great, or get my digital camera out of the mothballs and pass it on great job.
- although I made only one ride with the group. I did as previously stated aloud and ride lucky boy patch trail. The problem I found a making the data was they all fell on Saturday, which is a work day for me. So I either would have had to take the day off or call in sick. Trying to get time off on a weekend is pretty hard most of the time for me unless I request the time off a couple months in advance a couple of the guys from this. So in the NHP and I have made some trickster in the middle of the week only actually have the days off.
- I would be interested in attending a GPS class and getting input as to what one should buy or which functions you should have.
- stop more often stop and look at the scenery.
- when the slow group catches up with the rest of the club would like to rest too more action pictures.
- on some of the rides more sightseeing time would be great.
- Fun is the number one thing on any ride we do have fun.

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Have you been to our web page? If not, you're missing out on all of the pictures from our rides and other information that is not contained in this newsletter. The web address is on the front of this newsletter and is listed below.

The web page is continually maturing. We now have videos as well as pictures. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Is there something you would like to see in this newsletter and/or on the website? If you have a suggestion, please email it to:

webmaster@RennerATVRiders.com or call Rose at the phone number listed on this page.

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Prepping Your Bike for the Riding Season by Dave Faulk

Hopefully everyone prepared their bike for the winter based on one of the last articles that I wrote. If you did what was listed in that article you should be ready to go this year with a little work and you won't have any "surprises".

If you prepared your bike to sit for the winter then all you should have to do to get it ready is to check the air in your tires and top off the charge on your battery. If you just put the bike away after our last ride, you should check the following additional items.

- As a minimum you need to check your oil. You should change the oil as well as the filter since that dirty oil was sitting in there all off-season.
- You also need to take a look at your air filter and see if it needs cleaned. Honda

recommends the air filter be cleaned at least every 600 miles. This time period could be shorter if you ride in very dusty areas or ride behind others (inhaling the dust they kick up).

- Do all of your lights work? Give them a check and make sure they are working.
- Do your brakes need adjustment? They don't need adjusted often, but you do need to check them.
- What about the brake fluid? Is it a brown carmel color? Brake fluid is clear so if yours isn't, it is due to dirt and water absorption. You need to get it changed. If you don't know how to do it, take it to a dealer, such as Renner, and have it done. If you do the work yourself, be sure not to get air into the line as this will result

in loss of braking.

None of us wants to have a mechanical problem out on the trail, so please give your bike (s) a thorough check before attending your first ride. See you out on the trail.

