

Honda Rider's Club of America, Chapter #556

# Renner ATV Rider

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## Wonder-Fairview Peak Ride by Dave Faulk

### Upcoming Events:

- 25-28 MAY Ride/  
camping in Monitor  
Valley
- 9 JUN Ride to  
Virginia City
- 23-24 JUN Ride/  
camping in Lone
- 30 Jun-6 Jul Ride/  
camping in Wild  
Horse
- 14 Jul Ride to Bass  
Camp

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We had 24 people show up at Harmon Junction for the ride to Wonder and Fairview Peak. This ride was led by Bill and Pat Schilder, and they did a wonderful job! We caravanned out to the unloading point, at Earthquake Fault road, unloaded and headed north to Wonder.

The trails were dusty, as usual, so we all spread out for some cleaner air. Bill and Pat led us up a trail on the East side of Chalk Mountain where there were numerous whoops that would really get your attention if you weren't paying attention! We proceeded up this trail and then onto the Wonder Canyon trail. We saw a lone antelope that paralleled us for awhile before crossing in front of Bill. Further up the trail we stopped to admire the three sets of wild horses. Two groups were off to our left (the west) and another group was on the east slope. The three groups totaled over 30 horses.

Back on the move, we continued northward passing through where the town of Wonder had been located, and climbed to a high point to overlook the old town site as well as the mining area on the far mountain. Pat read us some interesting history of the area and the

town, and Larry Harrison had a book with pictures of how the town once looked in the early 1900s. After the history lesson we proceeded over to the mountain to view where the mining had taken place. While at the mining area, Cora, Hank and Ralph joined us. They missed us at Harmon Junction and finally caught up with us here.

From the mining area we went down a steep canyon and ended up in Hercules. Larry told us a couple of stories about Hercules, including the one about the St. Francis Hotel that was built here and then burned down a year later. There wasn't much left of the town.

At Hercules we turned around and headed south so we could get to the top of Fairview Peak to view some aerial bombing that was scheduled to take place. The ride back down through Wonder Canyon was uneventful.

We traveled the Earthquake Fault Road and then proceeded up the road to Fairview Peak. The views were marvelous as we climbed skyward to the peak. The road to the peak was in very good condition and the ride was fairly easy, unless you are afraid of heights! There were many steep drop-offs to your sides as you climbed up the

mountain so you had to exercise care when riding.

Once at the top we all took our lunch break and waited for the planes to arrive. They were supposed to arrive around noon, but did not. I called the base and asked for their arrival time and was told it wouldn't be until 2:00 pm. Everyone was a little disappointed but we all wanted to stay and watch. The time passed quickly as we discussed the upcoming camping trip to the Monitor Valley over the Memorial Day weekend and the trip to Wild Horse during the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

A little after 2:00 pm we heard jets but couldn't see anything. Really Crystal, they were there! Then we saw smoke on the valley floor and a few seconds later the loud boom of the explosion. We witnessed 4-5 bombings on the valley floor, one

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## The President's Message by Stan Wickware

**H**ey Renner ATV'ers – Hope everybody had a good time in Mina!

What a fun trip that was. There was lots of good riding and good fellowship. Along those same lines, I would also like to give Pat, Bill & Doug a pat on the back for leading the group on our Wonder/Fairview trip – “Great Job”. See it's not too hard to lead the group. Thanks to Rose for buying the group dinner in Middlegate! That was a fun side excursion.

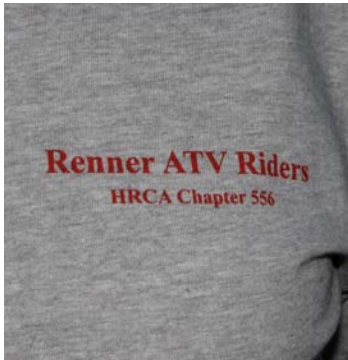
Now, I would like to speak to a safety issue that came up recently – We had someone (not mentioning any names), but a female that drives a side by side apparently ran over our own Hank Wnuk and then left him there & we have pictures to prove this!

But seriously, on another club safety note, when we are riding in a group, please make sure

when making a turn that you wait until the person behind you also makes that turn. We have had some riders that have arrived at a crossroad and not known where to go because the person in front of them did not wait to guide them. And along the same note, when going up a very steep hill, please wait to make sure the person behind you gets to the top, just in case they have any problems. This is just good riding etiquette. Always know who is in front of you and behind you.

Again, Happy ATV'ing and see ya on the next ride.....

*Stan*



## Club T-Shirts Are Almost Ready! by Dave Faulk

**I**f you haven't already checked out the t-shirt sample posted on the website, do it now! You can get to the sample from the home page. The cost for the shirts will be \$10 each. They are long-sleeved and are gun metal gray. We are also having 10-15 hooded sweat-shirts made up which will sell for \$20 each. We hope to have the shirts available by the end of

May. If they are ready sooner we will let you know and make them available.

We have received shirt sizes and quantities from many of you. The total we have so far is around 45 shirts. We will order some extras for others that decide to buy them later this year or new members that wish to purchase them next year.



## Wonder-Fairview Peak Ride (continued)

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of which I captured on video. Be sure to check it out in the "Videos" area of the website. It's very impressive.

After the live bombing the planes made many practice bombing runs without dropping any ordnance. We all decided to start back down the hill. Some of us were going to head over to Middlegate for dinner while some were going back to their vehicles and loading up to go home.

Last year, Rose, Alicia and I had camped at Middlegate and ridden to Fairview Peak so I was elected to get us to Middlegate. The difference this time was that I didn't have all the waypoints plugged into my GPS to get us there. I didn't do too bad, missing just one turn and making all of us ride a few extra miles.

The ride to Middlegate was fun

and exciting. Crystal might call it something else, but I can't print that here! There were numerous steep inclines up and down over the mountains and hills separating the Fairview Valley and Middlegate. As the saying goes, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger", and this applied here. The inclines were indeed challenging but we all made it without incident and this just makes us better riders. The only way to get more comfortable and better is to ride and experience new challenges.

Once at Middlegate, we pushed a couple of picnic tables together and ordered dinner. I think the highlight of the pre-meal activities was the arm wrestling match where Pat put the "hurt" on Rose!

After dinner some of the group headed back to their vehicles via the frontage road that parallels Highway 50. The rest of us

headed back the way we came, building more character with each climb and descent. Our route was the same, except we paralleled the highway for the last few miles instead of backtracking to stay on the trail. At one point we drove through a drainage tunnel to go from the south side of the highway to the north side. Alicia liked this so much that she went back through it a few times.

A couple of miles later we were back to our vehicles where we loaded up for the ride back into Fallon (or Fernley for Steve and Anita). Our trip total was over 70 miles, including dinner at Middlegate, and something less if you broke off from the main group at any point. The weather was perfect and the ride was great too. Again, thanks to Bill and Pat for planning and leading this great ride!



**TIME FOR DINNER AT MIDDLEGATE STATION**

## Mina Weekend by Dave Faulk

On the afternoon of April 27<sup>th</sup>, many of us met up at the County Fairgrounds so that we could convoy to Mina for the weekend of riding. After a couple of minor problems experienced by some of the group (i.e. Swansbergs and Faulks), the convoy was rolling by 4:00 pm. The convoy included the Hiibels, Harrisons, Adairs, Wickwares, Wnuks, Clarks, and the Faulks. Jim Countryman was there too, but since he wasn't pulling a trailer he went ahead. It was an uneventful trip with the convoy making it to the campground a couple of hours later.

Upon arriving at the campground, we noticed that the Longs, the Schilders, and Doug Gorden were already set up and waiting for us. The Longs arrived the previous day and the Schilders and Doug arrived earlier that day. There was some confusion as to which space everyone was going to take, but everything got worked out. I think Stan only had to move 3-4 times before Chuck (the proprietor) settled him into a space! I am guessing that the RV Park doesn't generally experience this many trailers arriving at once.

Everyone got busy setting up their trailers and their campsites. In a short time everyone was getting settled in and thinking about the ride on Saturday.

Scott Janis, who Rose sold an ATV to this year, along with his friend stopped by our trailer

around dinner time to discuss the ride they had volunteered to lead. They had the plan for the ride but said they would have to get back to town early due to some previous engagements. Since I knew where they were going to leave us, I plotted our path from that point to see some more sites and then back to camp. We decided that we would leave on the ride between 8:15 am and 8:30 am. This would allow time for anyone that was making the morning drive down from Fallon.

The next morning, the only one to drive down from Fallon was our VP, Gary Mills. Gary arrived before 8:00 am and unloaded and talked with many of the campers. At 8:15 am we started lining up, ready to get on our way for a great day of riding. The weather was beautiful and the forecast was for a warm sunny day.

Scott, and the other riders from Mina led the group out of camp and around the east side of Mina, where we picked up the Dunlap Canyon trail and headed towards the hills. We took the trail for a few miles and then turned off and visited "Goat Camp". After looking around here for a few minutes we got back on our quads and headed to the "Mina Merc" (Mercury) mine.

The Mina Merc was a very neat site with many buildings and structures to explore. We spent quite some time here looking around. Scott and crew had to

get back to Mina so this is where they turned back. I took the lead and after a few missed turns finally got us on top of a peak where we ate lunch. There were a few small pockets of snow still remaining and Alicia quickly spotted them and brought some back for us to put in our cooler. From our vantage point, we could see Pilot Peak which was only 2.5 miles away "as the crow flies" but was going to take much more time to actually get there and ascend the peak. Pilot Peak was our next goal.

We worked our way back down off of the peak and backtracked some to get to the base of Pilot peak. The maps I used to plan this route were fuzzy as to the exact way to get to the top, so we had a number of wrong turns before finally reaching the top. The buggies of Hugh and Elynda could not make some of the climbs due to the loose material so they waited for us to return. Eventually, everyone that wanted to ride to the top made it. We spent some time admiring the beautiful view before heading back down. There was another trail over the back side of the mountain and most of the group took that route. A few of us went back down the way we came up and met up with those that didn't go to the top. The ride back to the camp was again on Dunlap Canyon. We made it back to camp about the same time the others who took the alternate route arrived.

Later in the evening, we had a

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pot luck which turned out to be very fun with a lot of good food. I don't think anyone left hungry. We all sat around in small groups talking about various things. It was a nice end to a great day of riding.

On Sunday, most of the riders from Saturday were up and ready to go riding for another day. We ran into a little trouble early in the ride when we came upon a gate with a sign that said "No Trespassing", and the gate was locked. That kind of shot my planned ride, so I just started

taking trails that looked interesting.

The group broke up into smaller groups with some of us going back to the trailers and packing up for the drive home.

None of us did the mileage that we had on Saturday, but it was another good day of riding.

Rose and I are going to go back to the campground in the Fall and check out some of the other trails we didn't have time for on this trip. There is a lot to see around here and we hope to see more of it on the next trip.



**RENNER ATV RIDERS AT THE TOP OF PILOT PEAK**

## Bio of Hank Wnuk



- Name? **Henry "Hank" Wnuk**
- What is your occupation? **Pilot at Northwest Airlines**
- Where were you born? **Pennsylvania**
- Where did you grow up? **Pennsylvania & Louisiana**
- How long have you lived in Nevada? **16 years**
- Are you married? **No**
- Do you have children/grandchildren? How many? **None**
- When did you start riding ATVs? **2000**
- What was your first ATV? **Beartracker**
- When did you get your current bike? **September 2006**
- How many miles do you have on the ATV you are riding right now? **360**
- What is your favorite riding area and why? **Wooded areas are nice (i.e. Big Creek). Bald Mtn great for view and fun climb, racing around tracks**
- Do you have a memorable ride? Where was it and why was it so memorable? **Yes I have two. Big Creek because I like to camp; and Bald Mountain because of the wild horses**
- What is the most miles you have ever gone in a day on your ATV? **60**
- Have you ever crashed on your ATV? **Yes**
- Did you get hurt? **No**
- What happened and how could it have been prevented? **Launched over the trailer during loading, trailer needed a stop bar on the far side to prevent going over.**
- Any other interesting facts you want to tell us? **None**

Have you submitted your Bio yet? If not, please go to the homepage of the website and click on "[Submit Bio](#)" or click on the text here. These bios are a good way for all of us to get to know one another, so don't be shy. It's so easy, even a Caveman could do it!

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## Upcoming Rides by Dave Faulk

Our next two rides are going to be good. Our next ride will be a camping trip to the Monitor Valley over the Memorial Day holiday. This will provide us with two full days of riding. We are going to camp at the Potts Ranch, which Rose has cleared with the owners. There won't be any power or water, but we can rough it ;) for a couple of days. Highlights of this trip include [Diana's Punchbowl](#) and the Miniature Grand Canyon. There are many trails and areas to explore in the area. It's approximately 180 miles from Fallon, so no one will probably just come out for the day on Saturday. Check the website for the times and place of departure. There are numerous hot springs in the area so care for your pets, if you bring them.

Our first June ride will be to Virginia City and will be led by Bob Riley. We will either be leaving from Fernley or from Patrick, off of I-

80. Bring along some snacks and drinks for the ride. We plan to eat lunch in Virginia City, but it's your choice if you would rather bring something.

I know that Bob has tried out a few different routes for us to take, and I am sure he will pick a good one out of the options. This ride provides another good opportunity where the ride is fairly close to home (for most of us). We know that everyone doesn't camp or has other commitments that keep them from taking an entire weekend, so rides like this are great for those that can only get away for a day.

As always, check the website for departure times and places. Hope to see you at both of these rides.

Happy Riding!

