

# Bluff Country ATV Club Newsletter

**Next Meeting:** March 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00am @ Stumpy's, Rushford, MN  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month

## **Notes From February Meeting:**

### **Old Business:**

Mike Bublitz was thanked for the "Outstanding" work he did on the first newsletter. Holy Crap Award was given to Carl Vogel because of an accident he had early this year. Carl said "think SAFETY and always wear your HELMET.

The Highland Trail was questioned; Brian will contact Jeff to find out the status on the trail.

### **Safety Training:**

ATV Safety Training will be on May 14, 2005 at the Dover Town Hall in Dover, MN. Brian made posters for the Safety training class and will distribute them. Brian needs help with the training, some of the members said they would help. If you are interested in helping, contact Brian K.

### **New Business:**

Brian and Mitch will check on hats for the club and bring samples to the next meeting.

ATV drags (no longer sand drags) will be approximately July 24, 2005, Mitch will find out the exact date of Houston Hoedown Days.

Frank Gerry will be the food Director for the ATV drags, contact Frank if you would like to help with the food.

Track committee for the ATV drags - Brian K., Mitch B., Mike B., Carl V., Sam M., and Craig H.

Business Cards will be printed by Mitch Bublitz and available at the next meeting.

Sam Moore is working on an ad for the ATVAM Magazine and local publications.

Send newsletter to past members to try to get more members back into the club.

When the news letters are sent out, address them to the Family, not just one member.

Newsletter should have dates of upcoming events.

It was discussed that our club should be presented as a Family club.

Brian Kroning still working on Web site for club, maybe link up with some ATV dealer's web site and let them pay the expense of the web site.

### **From the Pres:**

Well one month has passed and the first meeting is under my belt for the year. Mike was away on business last month so I am taking this opportunity to say "What a GREAT NEWSLETTER" Mike put together. The club is starting to look at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ATV Drag Race and anyone with ideas or suggestions, we will be meeting for 15 minutes or so after this months meeting to get things started. I know it sounds early but members

already have pointed out were improvements could be made and this will give us time to collect them and act upon them, please join use for this. Last October the club was the main sponsor for my first ATV Safety Training. With the help of Frank, Al & Erin, Craig, Mike H. and my wife Jean it was a success, all the feedback for the kids and parents were positive. The next one is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> and anyone that would like to help out, or have someone attend contact me and let me know 507-932-5307. I encourage all members to attend a safety class and parents have your kids certified (not committed). We all enjoy getting out and riding ATV's but getting home safe is the greatest way to end a ride. See you at the meeting!!!!

### **Ride after Meeting last Month**

The ride after the meeting was lead by Sam Moore. He took us to Lake Onalaska. There was plenty of ice and we all had a great time. We put on about 17 miles. Sound like Frank's machine is magical. There was open water on the lake and Frank's machine just floated over it. Brave soul!

Somebody should have warned us about the ice fishermen. It's not nice to run over the fisherman's tip-ups. I bet the fishermen had a few words of wisdom, if we had stuck around longer.

Running on the ice was a little challenging. No snow in the ice makes it very slippery. The machines wanted to spin around especially if your front tires are low on air. Power spins are fun. This was a different ride out on the ice, exciting. Thanks, Sam.

### **The ride this month:**

The plan is to do trail clean up after the meeting, out at Mitch's Yucatan Trails. Bring your saws, chain saws, axes, and brush clippers. There are trees to move out of the way, brush to clean out, and rocks to move. We need those little clippers to cut the brush so they don't hit us in the face.

We will build a fire and do a cook out. Do some hot dogs and stuff.

If the weather is to warm, may cancel because of the mud. Last year we made a lot of ruts in the mud.

### **Riding in Las Vegas:**

Sorry I missed that last meeting. But it was nice to be out in Vegas. Warm weather, upper 60's, short sleeve weather. The sun felt warm. Mitch's and my machines have been out in Vegas for a year, just sitting in the heat. We had to do a little repair. Pump up tires, change oil, new gas, and we are ready to go.

Our sister was visiting. The three of us went riding on two machines. We went a long ways, to a lake, out in the desert. Normally the lake is a flat, dry bed. But because of all the rain, there is water in the lake. Water is only a couple of inches deep. We took some great pictures in the desert.

On the way back Mitch blew the belt. So here we are, way out in the dessert with three people, one broken machine and one that runs. So I said "See Ya!"

No, not really. We did have a backup belt. We had to make a decision. Try and fix it out in the dessert or tow the machine and three people home. Hoping the one machine holds up. We are running out of daylight. It gets cold at night in the dessert. No matches.

We started towing. Broke two straps on the way, had to tie them together to keep going. Got lost, good thing we had a GPS to help us out. We made it back to the truck just before dark.

Riding in the Vegas area is great! I will have more pictures at the meeting.



A Red Cross rep has asked to be at our meeting to request help from our club. During emergencies, like the Lewiston tornado or a flood, sometimes the only way to get to people is with an ATV, hauling water and supplies, whatever is needed.

Spring is almost here. The first Robin was sighted.