

Bluff Country ATV Club Newsletter

April 2006

Next Meeting: Stumpy's in Rushford -10:00am
Saturday April 15th, 2006

Ride after the meeting: We are planning a ride after the meeting. It should be dry out on the trails as long as the rain holds off.

Up coming events:

May 20th 7:30 am Meeting

May 20th Youth Training Rushford

May 21st work day

May 27th work day

May 28th Race Day

June 3rd Youth Training Dover, MN

Notes from March Meeting:

Called to Order 10:06am

Minutes read and approved

Treasures Report read and approved

Membership Report: Heidi: 24 adult members. Heidi has been calling the members that have not renewed.

Proposed Trails System Committee –There was discussion on creating a trail between Rushford and Houston. Stumpy's is in favor of a trail system starting at their bar.

Business Cards – 2006/2007 magnet calendars are getting passed out. M&M is the sponsor for the calendars. Brian was going to design a business card the size of post card. The cards would be given to dealers around the area as advertising for the club.

Website – www.bluffcountryatv.com – Brian is setting the web to be able to pay your membership on line. We have had over 8900 hits so far this year to our web sight.

Check out our web sight, it lists the trails in Minnesota and has links to information about the trails. I was unaware of the number of trails that exist. Most of them are located north of the Twin Cities. There are links to when the trails are open and closed plus other information.

ATV Drags – We are in contact with Rushford for a possible Drag Race in Rushford during the Frontier Days. They have indicated that they are interested. Details need to be worked out.

Plaques for past officers – Brian has the pricing on plaques. The plaques need to be ordered.

Youth Safety Training – The Youth training is full in Rushford on May 20th. There is still room at the Dover Youth Training on June 3rd

New business:

The May 20th meeting will start at 7:30am on Saturday. We have youth training that day so we need to get our meeting out of the way before the training starts.

The club is planning an ATV race over a marked trail. Cost is \$10 entry fee for two runs. This is a timed race. You guess how long it should take to run the course, the closes to your own guess, wins. You do not need a fast machine to compete. The run should take about 15 minutes.

After the meeting Saturday April 15th, we will have a ride out at the Yucatan property. The plan is to layout the course and gives it a try. This should be interesting to see how well it works.

May 21st is a scheduled work day to set up the course. May 28th is the race day.

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From the Pres: April 8th the club did an ATV Safety Training for 20 USDA Soil & Water Conservation employees. Participants came for Rushford, Lewiston, Rochester, Goodhue, Austin, Albert Lea, and Owatonna to get their ATV safety certification. Club members donated their Saturday to help make this happen. M&M provided the ATV's to use for the driving portion of the certification. I would like to thank Mike B., Brianna, Mitch B., Sam M., Frank G., and Mike and Heidi H., and thanks to a person that spent one of his vacation days lending a hand Joe B. Training can't be a one or two person endeavor; it takes a group effort to have a successful safety class. Again thank you for all the help.



If you think you would like to help with any of the safety classes just look at the Upcoming Events on the web site for the next scheduled training day. As one of the attendees said to me during the day (he already had gone through a different ATV training class) you can always learn something.



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