



# Bluff Country ATV Newsletter April 2007

## April's Meeting

I was not able to attend the April meeting, but from what I heard, there was good attendance once again and it was a productive meeting. There were comments made that the meeting ran extremely smooth without my attendance, but no offence was taken, of course. The club went to the Chatfield trail after the meeting to start looking at sign locations and upkeep that will need to be done on the trail before/when it officially becomes a Grant-in-aid trail.

## Chatfield Trail

Paperwork for the trail has been sent to the City of Chatfield. So it is still slowly continuing to move forward. Read the *President's* section for more updates.

## Training:

On May 12, ATV Safety Training was held in Rushford in the Rushford Snowmobile building next to M & M. 17 students were trained and passed the class. We had a wonderful turnout from club members to

help set-up, train, and tear-down the field and classroom. At lunch we had Pizza brought in from The Creamery in Rushford. A special THANK YOU to The Creamery and M & M for their donations for the pizza. The pizza was extremely good and was appreciated by the kids, parents, and club members. This was the first training class that we provided lunch for everyone. Thank you to parents/students that also donated money to help offset the cost of the pizza. Jessica Kroning provided brownies for break-time which were delicious, as usual.

Please keep in mind the next training is June 9<sup>th</sup> in Dover. The Dover class is close to being full. Tables and chairs will not be needed for the upcoming training, but once again, anyone that can help out that day would be **greatly** appreciated. It really showed on May 12 that the more members that assist with training really makes the entire day run much more smoothly. Thanks to all that were able to attend the training.



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Thank you to M & M for donating the use of their ATVs for the field portion!

### **Club Ride**

A suggestion was made at the last meeting to ride on the Stockton trail after the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are in the process of confirming that the trail has been updated to Class2.

### **Parades**

The sign has been completed for the parade. The first parade that is coming up is Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> in Rushford. It will be from 6:30 to 7:00pm Saturday evening. Watch for further updates in our *Up Coming Event* section for meeting time and place.

### **Membership**

We have four new adult members to the club and one child. Kirk Pape and Mark and Nicole Welch and daughter Erin. Welcome to all and hope to see you at a meeting or an event soon!

### **Newsletter**

Please continue to send me updates to e-mail addresses or any ideas for future newsletters at [jean@bluffcountryatv.com](mailto:jean@bluffcountryatv.com). Ideas of when and where to ride next would be appreciated too.

### **President**

Chatfield Trail..... What can I say, by the time you read this we will have had another meeting in the ongoing trail proposal with the DNR and City of Chatfield. I am hoping to have excellent news to report at this months meeting (hint: still not open).

As you read above we had our first of two Youth ATV Safety Training class in Rushford this past weekend (May 12<sup>th</sup>). I would like to thank (in no order) Jean Kroning, Brianna Kroning, Jordan Hoekstra, Jessica Kroning, Josh Hoekstra, Mitch Bublitz, Jan Bublitz, Frank Gerry, Jeff Thompson, Sam Moore, Andy Heuer, and Jim Bartz for showing up to help out with the all day event. It was one of the smoothest trainings we have had. It shows how everyone is experienced with the different sections the DNR requires. Looking back at the first Rushford Training, we had 8 students and it took us until 4:00pm to get them all of them through the training (not including tear down). This year we had 17 students and were done by 3:30 **including tear down!** Its not that we are pushing the kids to go faster, we've become more efficient in providing the training (and more people are showing up to help).

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## Up Coming Events

May 19, 2007	Club Meeting	10:00 am Stumpy's Rushford Ride after meeting at Stockton Trail
June 9, 2007	ATV Safety Training	Dover
June 16, 2007	Club Meeting	10:00 am Stumpy's Rushford
July 21, 2007	Rushford Parade	Rushford 6:30-7:00pm
July 29, 2007	Houston Parade	Houston
July 29, 2007	Club Drag Race	Houston
August 11, 2007	Chatfield Parade	Chatfield

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