



# Bluff Country ATV Newsletter February 2007

## February's Meeting

February's meeting had one of our largest turnouts with 17 adults and 5 kids attending. After the meeting, we all braved the cold weather and went for a ride on the Chatfield Trail. It was one of those days that you were grateful for the sun but regardless of the cold, everyone had a great time. We had 16 ATVs including 2 side-by-sides. Make sure to visit the website for all the pictures from the ride.

## Chatfield Trail

The trail continues to be in the study process with the DNR. The trail will be closing in the very near future for the spring thaw. Signs will be posted at all the entrances that the trail is closed. We do not have a date yet as to when it will be open again. Watch for updates in upcoming newsletters



## Website

There have been changes made to the website on the photo gallery and the dealer page. The photo gallery will now have the most recent rides at the top of the page so you will not have to scroll down. We have new dealers that have signed up for the Dealer page. Make sure you visit the page often, and let the dealers know that you saw their ad on our website.

[www.bluffcountryatv.com](http://www.bluffcountryatv.com)

## Membership

Remember to send in your dues for 2007, if you have not already done so. Dues can be mailed to PO Box 191, Rushford, MN 55971. Family membership is \$20, a single membership is \$15, and business

membership is \$50. We had three guests join at this meeting. It is great to have new thoughts and ideas presented at the meetings! Also, keep your e-mail addresses updated so the newsletter gets to you!

## Club Ride

We are still looking for suggestions on club rides whether they are just for a day or for 3-4 days. E-mail an officer your suggestions if you are unable to attend an upcoming meeting. We do not have a club ride scheduled for after the March meeting yet due to the possibility that the ground will be thawing and we will not have a place to ride. If the weather looks promising make sure you bring your machines along.

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## Guest Speakers

Mike Jessen and Dave Hofschulte, from the Byron Snowbears attended our February meeting to talk to the club about possible involvement with the Douglas Grass Drags that are schedule for October 6 and 7, 2007. They are planning on having an ATV drag race on Sunday afternoon and were looking for input.

## Training

Well it is getting close to the time of the year where we need to start thinking about our annual training classes for the area youth. Requirements are that they need to be a minimum of 11 years old by the day of the training and that they have completed the training CD. Please see the training section on the website for additional information. Dates that were agreed on are: **May 12** in Rushford and **June 9** in Dover. Please keep these dates open to help out with the training. It really does take a group effort with setting up the driving field, teaching the classroom portion, doing paperwork, and donating food (baked items) for the kids to eat. The club gets a lot of positive feedback about how the training is done. The food and beverages are appreciated by the kids and the parents.

## Parades

We are also starting to think about upcoming parades. It is a great way to get

the club out and visible to the public. In the past few years we have participated in the Rushford and Houston parades and are talking about adding the Chatfield parade onto the list this year. We are in the process of working on a new sign to go on the float since the original sign had a little mishap last year. Watch for dates in future newsletters.

## Newsletter

Once again remember to keep your e-mail address updated since that is our primary way to get the newsletter out to everyone. Feel free to e-mail any suggestions (or compliments) to [jean@bluffcountryatv.com](mailto:jean@bluffcountryatv.com) .....anything negative can be passed on to the President.

## President

Well as you read I am the complaint department (don't know when I was appointed to that task). The first "trail closing" meeting was canceled due to Old Man Winter farting one last time, and dumping the white stuff. By the time you get this newsletter, the trail should have been posted, but was probably delayed due to the weather. My Thanks goes out to all the members that volunteered to help put up signs.

## Up Coming Events

March 17, 2007	Meeting	10:00am Stumpy's Rushford
April 21, 2007	Meeting	10:00am Stumpy's Rushford
May 12, 2007	ATV Safety Training	Rushford
June 9, 2007	ATV Safety Training	Dover

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