



CTVA Newsletter – June 2009

CAPITAL TRAIL VEHICLE ASSOCIATION (CTVA)
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We are a locally supported association whose purpose is to preserve trails for all recreationists through responsible environmental protection and education.

Welcome to the Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA) monthly newsletter for June.

Your interest in CTVA and support in “making a difference” with the ongoing efforts to keep our riding opportunities open is appreciated.

But, let’s have a little fun too!

Are you new to the area or to off-road riding?

Looking for someone to ride with?

Want to know where to ride?

Want to learn the tricks to riding backcountry?

No matter what your interests; single-track, ATV, off-road vehicles, or mountain bikes, we have members that share your interests and invite you to participate.

Visit our website: <http://www.ctva-ohv.com/>

Hot News # 1: MTVRA STATE RIDE

Things are progressing with the state ride. Doug has the Boulder Fair Grounds secured for camping and it appears everyone has agreed to our plans. It will be a co-effort between CTVA and Mining City Trail Riders. We will get set up Thursday night. On Friday a safety seminar and fun rides will occur. Saturday will have more rides, a potluck with the pig on the BBQ. On Sat. after dinner, music will be furnished by MOONLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT. On Sunday we will do some riding, have a cleanup detail and all head for home about noon.

Hot News # 2: BAD NEWS UPDATES

The folks that put on the UPS Charity Ride in the Pipestone did get the money back but the other stuff was kept for the *ongoing investigation*. Who knew?

Don’t forget Brian Smith, who is co-owner of Blackfoot River Brewing, testified before congress for the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act. This act would create **24 million acres more wilderness** in MT, ID, WY, Eastern WA and Eastern OR.

This would close most of the areas that we now use. I have noticed since reading this article Blackfoot River Brewing Beer seems to put a bad taste in my mouth.

If you have the same problem please let Mr. Smith know at brewers@blackfootriverbrewing.com

CTVA Monthly Meeting

Hope to see you at our regular meeting: 7 PM, Tuesday, JUNE 23, 2009!

CTVA meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post #2; at 3095 Villard Avenue (just off Custer Avenue) in Helena.

We invite you to attend our monthly meeting. Bring your ideas; we welcome your participation.

Trail Maintenance

CTVA protects your opportunities by doing volunteer trail maintenance work on trails in our region. Areas include the North Belts, Divide, Blackfoot, Pipestone and other areas.

It appears there will be some projects in the works before to long. We are looking specifically at a project in the Tizer Lake area.

If you have some ideas or locations needing project work – let us know. We can then propose them to the managing agency for approval and funding.

Travel Plans

Both the BLM and Forest Service are closing many of the routes that we have ridden for decades. One of CTVA’s highest priorities is to protect our riding opportunities. We work in concert with the MTVRA and BRC to support keeping trails open.

KEN SALO WILL UPDATE US ON THE TRAVEL PLAN NEWS AT THE MEETING.

The closure of the Scratch Gravel Hills has been the hottest topic for some time. Seems that when people can look out their window and see what is being closed they really get upset. We have gotten lots of calls on this and hope people will think about this closure and all the others ‘over the hill’ that they can’t see from their front yard. All these closures are important and affect our riding opportunities.

Contact the BLM and Forest Service and let them know how you feel about these closures. Be nice, but be firm. Also, complete the response requests you get.

Look for a Membership ‘contest’.

We will discuss this at the June Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

We really need your email address!

If you have already provided a working email address; thank you!

This is our principle method of communication. If you change your email address; please let us know.

If you do not have an email and wish to be 'in the loop' let us know.

Contact Gary at:
(406) 459-2664 glpete@bresnan.net Thanks.

If you are already a member, please renew your membership or please pass this along to a friend.

As a member of CTVA you will receive the MTVRA newsletter. You are also joining the Montana Trail Vehicle Rider Association (MTVRA) and become an *associate* member (you will not receive the magazine) of the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC).

CTVA will use your money for newsletter postage and printing, tools for trail work, work on trails, and

travel plan comments. MTVRA will use your money for legal defense, insurance, newsletters, and lobbying efforts in Helena and across Montana.

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Thanks to new and renewal May members!

Single & Family New Memberships

Loren & Penne Beto

Bruce Ewals

New Business Sponsors & Renewals

None for this month.

Our Business Members:

Our business members are important to us. Please support them.

Custom Tin

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459-7662

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Helena, MT 59601
lantek@mt.net
495-8019

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3654 Highway 12 East
Helena, MT 59601
449-6595

Helena Cycle Center

1825 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena,
MT 59601
info@helenacycle.com
443-4631

Nickels Gaming Parlor

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Helena, MT 59601
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See also: <http://www.ctva-ohv.com/links.html>

Membership Application 2009

Mail to: **Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA), P.O. Box 5295, Helena, MT 59604-5295**

Date: _____ Single (\$34): _____ Family (\$52): _____ Business (\$100): _____ Donation: \$ _____

Name(s) (or Company Name): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of off-road users in family: _____ Referred by: _____

_____ Renewal _____ New Member

_____ Trail Bike _____ Mountain Bike _____ ATV

_____ Equestrian _____ 4x4 _____ Other

**You will receive the MTVRA State newsletter.*

**Participation in the MTVRA State Ride requires paid membership.*



MULTIPLE USE LICENSE PLATE



You can show your support for the philosophy of multiple use of public lands by requesting a stylized license plate when you register your vehicles.

Funds generated from the sale of these license plates are allocated to a variety of pro-access organizations around Montana on the basis of need. Simply ask for the "Share Trails" license plate sponsored by Citizens for Balanced Use when you register your vehicle or trailer. The fee for the plate is \$30, \$20 of which goes to the fund to support various pro-access organizations.

Comments and Kudos! Tell Your Story!

Space will be provided for member comments on issues of interest to you, recent rides, or topics dealing with OHV riding that would be of interest and benefit to our members. We welcome your input! (Editorial rights reserved.)

Rides & Stuff! (Club Calendar)

All times and locations will be determined by weather and amount of participation.

Lead a group to your favorite riding area. Member suggestions on when and where to ride are **requested**.

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Tizer Day Ride
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Monthly Mtg.	24 Evening Ride & Hot Dog Roast	25	26	27
28 Day Ride	29	30				

July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 State Ride Set up	10 State Ride Safety Seminar	11 State Ride Potluck Music
12 State Ride Clean up	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Day Ride	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Monthly Mtg.	29	30 Evening Ride	31	

Certification & Education

Course run by the USFS & BLM.

Chainsaw Certification.

Weed control and prevention, etc.

Rider Education Courses, etc.

We are planning to have more Rider Education courses. These are great to introduce your family (and yourself) to safe riding techniques and get some good riding tips.

If you have an interest in attending one of these courses contact:

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