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Special Points of Interest:

If you are receiving this newsletter via regular mail and have an e-mail address, please send it to newsletter@TSATV.org.



Please also note that having a registered e-mail address also gains access to the Forum where members can exchange ride ideas, ask questions, and meet new members.

The Season Begins



Our first official club ride took place in Acton on May 3rd. It was a



bit more chilly than predicted by the weather service and there were a couple bouts of light drizzle. Mort lead us during the first part of the ride and later Charlotte took the lead to fully explore the area. For lunch, we warmed up to a small fire and shared in good company. It was good to



get out and ensure our machines were in good running condition for the upcoming riding season. "



June Club Meeting

Thursday, June 19

Elks Club
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Dinner available at: 5:30 pm

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See the club forum at www.tsatv.org/forum for more details as specific rides approach.

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"Yes, I am pulling the lawn mower with the ATV. If I have to mow the yard, I might as well have fun doing it."

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May 2014: Polaris Acquires Kolpin Outdoors

ATV maker Polaris Industries has acquired Kolpin Outdoors, which may be best known for its aftermarket ATV accessories.

The terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

“Acquiring Kolpin Outdoors, Inc. creates a multitude of growth opportunities for our PG&A (parts, garments and accessories) business, which is a key contributor to Polaris’ top-line growth and profitability,” says Steve Eastman, Polaris’ vice president of PG&A. “Kolpin is a trusted brand among ORV riders, hunters, outdoorsmen, and landowners who value the quality and reliability Kolpin builds into their powersports accessories. Their lineup of exceptional products and deep consumer and retail relationships will help Polaris expand our aftermarket accessories portfolio and enhance our traditional and online distribution channels.”

Kolpin products will continue to be sold under the Kolpin and Cycle Country brands, with customized private label products available through its Premier O.E.M. business. Polaris will further develop Kolpin’s established brand by applying its product innovation and engineering acumen to Kolpin’s operations, and leveraging its existing dealer and consumer relationships to extend the brand’s exposure.

“It gives all of us at Kolpin great pride to become part of the Polaris family. Although different in size, we share many of the same values; small town roots, quality products, life-style brand focus and a rich heritage in product innovation,” says Tom Lutes, president and CEO of Kolpin. “I am confident the combination of Polaris and Kolpin will further enhance the value of our brand to both our consumers and distribution partners alike.”

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Yellowstone National Park will allow DOT approved ATVs and SSs on roads July 1

- Dear Ms. Sander:

This letter is in response to your letter of August 22, 2013, regarding the use of multipurpose vehicles (MPVs) within Yellowstone National Park on paved legal roads. We provided you an initial written response in late November 2013 regarding your questions about the use of multipurpose vehicles within Yellowstone National Park.

Your question was timely. As part of the update process for the Superintendent's Compendium, park staff have been re-evaluating the MPV prohibition for the last two years, given technological and safety advances realized in these types of vehicles. Based on staff research and recommendation, effective July 1, 2014, we will allow MPVs on most paved park roads provided they meet the following definitions and standards.

A multipurpose vehicle is hereby defined as a vehicle that is:

Designed to travel on at least 4 wheels in contact with the ground;

- Has an empty weight of at least 300 pounds, but less than 3,000 pounds;
- Has an upright seat or saddle for the driver which is mounted at least 24 inches from the ground;
- Has an identifying number as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(ix).

Effective July 1, 2014, the operation of MPVs that are licensed for highway use per the current standards of the Wyoming Department of Transportation, and meet applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, will be permitted within Yellowstone National Park when the park is open to public wheeled motor vehicle traffic on paved road segments designated for use by wheeled motor vehicles, with the exception of the portion of MT State Highway 191 (the route between West Yellowstone and Bozeman, MT) within the park boundary.

In addition to possession of valid registration, operator's license, and proof of insurance, it is the obligation of the operator to provide documentation from the manufacturer that the MPV meets federal motor vehicle safety standards. Typically this can be confirmed by manufacturer stickers on the vehicle, text in the owner's manual, or by checking tires for "Not for Highway Use" text. MPVs will be subject to payment of the single motor vehicle entrance fee. Please let me know if you have any additional questions concerning the use of MPV.

Sincerely,

Daniel N. Wenk



FOR SALE ITEMS

1998 Honda Goldwing SE: white, wood grain dash, new tires, 38,000 miles. \$8500 Call Gary 855-8558

ATV Tracks—BRP Apache: used twice for a total of about 16 hours. Asking \$3000 Call Gordon 861-6874

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SAFE OHV USE



MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the Treasure State ATV Association is to support and promote the responsible use of Off Highway vehicles, to protect public riding areas, to actively search for additional riding areas, and to provide a family oriented atmosphere at all events and group rides.

Upcoming Rides

May 30-June 1

Lovell, WY Causeway, day and weekend ride

June 21

Benbow, day ride

June 20-22

CTVA ATV Fun Run; pot luck Friday night; geocaching; cash drawing, 50-50 drawing and door prizes—Helena, Canyon Ferry

June 27-30

MTVRA State Ride, Boulder

July 4-7

Phillipsburg Annual Ride and Camping

July 18-21

Poker/Fun Run, Little Belt Mtns. For info contact: Russ 632-4772 or Leon 632-4462

August 1-4

West Fork of the Madison Camping ride

August 16-17

Sunlight Basin, day or camping ride

August 29-September 2

Annual Labor Day camping Ride, Basin, MT

September 20

Bighorn Mtns., Ranchester, WY. Day ride.