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### 2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE NOW

Just a reminder, your membership renewal is now due for 2012. Please take the time to send your check in along with a completed Application Form to the address above. If you do not renew by April 1<sup>st</sup>, your name will be removed from the active membership rolls and you will no longer receive the newsletter by email. See below for more details.

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is from **January** through **December**; membership is not prorated for mid year joiners with one exception. **New** members who join during the last quarter of any year (October through December) are the only exceptions. Their renewal is not due until one year from the first day of January following their joining.

Reminders are usually sent out to the membership and sponsors by email rather than mail starting in December. Please mail your dues renewal to the address on the letterhead along with a completed *Application Form* found on the PRA website. ***Please complete this Application Form in order to confirm current contact information on file. (i.e. address, email and phone.)***

**Original and renewal dues are as follows:**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR ALL MEMBERS IS DUE IN JANUARY (with the exception as noted above for *new* members) and is:**

Individual Member	\$15.00
Family Membership	\$20.00
Business Sponsor	\$25.00

**SAFETY LETTER  
BY  
LLOYD POTTER**

**When We Ride**

**SAFETY.....SAFETY.....SAFETY**

The one item that gives the most trouble on an ATV is the thumb throttle. New riders are not use to this type of gas pedal, especially those that started out on motorcycles where the gas is a twist-grip type of throttle. The main problem with the thumb lever is that when we get excited or scared we tend to grab the handle bar, and this could result in holding down the gas pedal. Depending on what you are doing at the time, this could be trouble.

Remember it takes a concentrated effort to ride an ATV safely. So if you have a new rider, make sure they understand the problem and caution them on thinking about that throttle lever at all times. As you get more used to it, the lever is not as much of a problem.

There are adaptations available to modify your ATV over to a twist-type of throttle. If this is something you think you want, okay, but in most cases time and concentration will solve the problem.

Remember At All Times Ride Safe,

Lloyd E. Potter

**GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION**

Our meetings are held on the **first Wednesday of every month (except December through February), at the Elks Lodge, bar area, 30196 Highway 200, Ponderay.** We meet for dinner starting at 6:00 PM, with the general meeting starting at 7:00. It's a great chance to meet, swap some stories and renew acquaintances. New members are encouraged to show up and meet the riders. We will reconvene our meetings on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

We hope to see you there!

**Go to for more information & directions:**

**<http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Meetings.html>**

**SNOW DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THE END TO FUN ON YOUR OHV...ASK JOHN FITZGERALD & OTHERS**



**RAFFLE/DRAWING TO COMMENCE MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following is a reminder of the “rules.”**

**Raffle/Drawing:** In November, the Board agreed that a raffle for cash would be held at each club meeting in order to encourage attendance. Clarification of this process was discussed at length. The agreed to “rules” for these drawings/raffles follow:

The first type of drawing is known as a **50/50 Raffle**.

- Tickets are sold for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.
- Two bowls are used for the drawing of winning tickets:
  - The “*Purchased Ticket*” bowl is for tickets sold.
  - The “*Members Name*” bowl holds all the current club member names. (Note: family memberships are entered as one entry per family.)
- At the end of the meeting two tickets are drawn, one from each bowl:
  - First, a ticket is drawn from the “*Purchased Ticket*” bowl. The winner wins 50% of the cash raised that evening.
  - Next, a ticket (i.e. current member name) is drawn from the “*Member Name*” bowl. However, the member must be present to win.
- If present, the member wins the remaining 50% of the raffle proceeds of the evening, plus any monies if any that have rolled-over from the previous 50/50 raffle.
- If the winner is not present, then the monies will rollover to the next month’s drawing and are added to the “*Member Name*” bowl. The monies will continue to build, until someone is present to win it.
- The names of winners from the “*Member Name*” will be returned to the bowl for subsequent chances to win.
- The club does not profit from the *50/50 Raffle*. All cash raised is distributed.

The second type of raffle is a “**Donated Item Raffle**” wherein a donated item is raffled. In this scenario, the “*Purchased Ticket*” winner wins the donated item. There is no “*Member Name*” drawing; the cash raised in this raffle goes to the club.

**WANTED CLASSIFIED SECTION**

**FOR SALE**

1. **1987 HONDA ATV:** Mint condition. New tires-puncture proof, new seat, new muffler and

plow mounts. Price: \$2,000. Call Colleen or Bob at 263-6519.

**2. DUST MASKS:** I have many colors and designs of dust masks. They are adjustable to fit and work great in the cold, pollen and dust and washable. Only twelve dollars (\$12.00); call Bert at 683-0526.

**3. CLUB SHIRTS:** We have club shirts for your enjoyment for sale. You can see the shirts and purchase them at our monthly meetings or call Lloyd Potter at (208) 255-6323 or 263-5792 to order.