



On this lovely warm day, many participants in *Ride the Wall* stayed in the shade as long as possible while Joe delivered his safety orientation speech.

122 Participants Rode the Wall.

By Judy Blalack

What a difference the weather makes. We have had some years when we huddled around the fire to keep warm. This year was almost too warm, but after all the rain, we were delighted to have sunshine. Everyone doing the ride took water or Gatorade provided by Helbling-Benefits Consulting to prevent dehydration and the Rose Lake Quick Response Unit members had fluid at key points on the way. Also helping with the ride were the Shoshone Sheriff Dept, Chuck Carlson of Old Mission State Park, and the Bear Creek Bunch ATVs.

When Joe gave his orientation speech before letting the slower riders leave, he asked how many were there for the first time and almost half of the crowd raised their hands. Having the event listed in several websites with links to ours and word of mouth helped. Thirty-two had downloaded the registration form from our website.

Two key events highlighted this Ride. Joe's 4-year old grandson Anthony Haler, left with the first group with his dad, Kevin, a Cd'A High School teacher, trotting alongside. He is our youngest entrant in all 15 years, and just recently his training wheels were removed. Grandpa Joe was beaming.

The other event was the return of the two ladies Michele Ross from Post Falls and Carol Tesh from Lancaster, CA, who had missed the turn last year onto the CCC road and headed to Coeur d'Alene. When they finally made it back, all the outside BBQ equipment was cleaned up so Joe fed them inside the Snake Pit.

Carol vowed to complete the course so here they were.



Michele even rode part of the way with a flat tire but was determined not to ride in a rescue unit. They said that they would be back "absolutely next year."

Above: Anthony on his bike.

Right: Michele Ross & Carol Tesh



I heard many compliments about the event on the scenery & wildlife (we even had a moose run by during registration), the great BBQ, the shirts, and the hospitality. It was fun to meet and greet our friends like Madeline Johnson who make the event a tradition having missed only one in 15 years.

We appreciate shirt designer, Gordon Turner, who brought his shirt decal machine making them to order on site so we were not left with a lot of extras. We do have a few so, if you would like one at \$10, let us know.

Again this year we were helped by some members of the JROTC. Coyle Cooper and Jon Murati assisted with traffic control and clean up. Things ran smoothly with Joanne Monteith, Haley Gosline, Mike Humphrey, John Hopper, and Janice DeVoe tending the registration and shirts.

In all, it seemed a perfect evening.



Haley Gosline, Mike Humphrey and Joanne Monteith get all set up ready for registration.



Kale Swainston pulls his boys, Alex & Brenton on the paved trail. Later they enjoyed the BBQ.



The registration line grew longer closer to 6 PM.



Congenial setting with good food.



Janice Berit checks out her shirt while Mike Humphrey hands one to Orlando.



JROTC members, Coyle Cooper and Jon Murati, helped take down the gazebos.

Calendar of Events

Jul 4—Independence Day

Jul 10—Board & Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church

Jul 18-24—Dena Mora coffee & cookies Fund Raiser along I-90

Aug 3-5—Pinehurst Days

Ride The Wall



Photo by Janet Harpel



Big Smiles in the chow line for the Snake Pit's BBQ

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Shoshone Base Camp Servants help at the ReUse Store leveling the area and moving doors under the covered area along the back fence.



Another Shoshone Base Camp crew helps renovate a house at Sunnyslopes.



Jackass Kickin' BBQ Cook-Off Meeting



Dawn Pignotti holding the sign she created at Silver Valley Signworks



Judy Blalack and Sunnyside School Principal, Tracy Ketchum, check the feasibility of using Judy's boombox and the school's remote mike for April Muh's line and 2-step dancing classes during the Jackass Kickin' BBQ Cook-Off activities. It worked well.



Bob Skilton of Dave Smith designed and donated a banner for us.



Verne helps Jerry Brantz and Gary Moore unload a range that Jerry donated.


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Matt 5:16 Jesus

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Two of the leaders of the Shoshone Base Camp Servants work inside the ReUse Store while the rest help in the rear.



Judy Blalack meets with Brenda Stinson and Claudia Childress at the ReUse Store to discuss the Jackass Challenge and the 50s-60s dance as part of the Jackass Kickin' BBQ Cook-Off weekend



122 Ride the Wall participants line up to hear Joe Peak's safety speech before he allowed them to start—with the less experienced bikers first, then the faster ones, & lastly those who only wanted to ride down and back on the paved trail.



Wish List

Volunteers at the ReUse Store. We may have to be closed both Monday and Tuesday for lack of help

Bookkeeper

Gleaner – Must have own pickup

PR and/or Fund Raising Committee Members

Grant Writer

At the ReUse Store -Free Shower Doors

Next month's issue will feature the Jackass Kickin' BBQ Cook-Off since this one will be printed just before the event.

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