

Ride Journal - September 17, 2005 - Weiser Sand Dunes

Boise Chapter Ride Leader - Kim Chournos

Saturday, September 23 — Weiser Sand Dunes: Kim & Kathy Chournos, members of the Idaho ATV Association and AtvRyde were hosts to a joint ride and events at the Weiser Sand Dunes. About 20 people attended. The following is Kim's story which was edited to fit this page:

We encountered rain all the way to Ontario, Oregon where it abruptly stopped and that was the last we saw of it all weekend. The Rich's beat us to the campsite, and by the time we arrived, they were already setup and off riding. We got the toy hauler setup for the night, and just as we were finishing, Tom and Penny came back from a ride up to Steck Park. I



took a quick spin out on the sand with both Raptors to check their sand tires. Saturday morning dawned partly cloudy and breezy. By 10:30 a.m. around 10 utility and 10 sport quads had arrived. I think the really bad weather in Boise scared a lot of folks away.

Events: First up was the Sand Drags. I setup a short course, on level sand, that favored the utility quads. Why? Because sport quads have a tendency to spin their sand tires in deep, thus resulting in a slower start. This was a hoot, and Carl (Bloomquist) shot some good video of the event. We then lengthened the course back another 100 yards or so, and sure enough, the UTE's couldn't keep up anymore? Second up was the Road Race course. This didn't go as well since it had not rained in the area and we were kicking up way too much dust. Everybody did a couple of laps and that was it for that event! The last scheduled event was the Follow the Leader through the little dune trails. Everybody had fun and the winner



was a young kid on a 400 utility quad. This little guy whipped me twice in the drag race!

The official events ended around 2:00 p.m. After that we just rode together and had fun. So, even though the weather in Boise scared off a lot of riders, the 20 or so riders that we had from both the Idaho ATV Association and AtvRyde had a lot of fun together. A special thanks to Tom and Penny of the Idaho ATV Association and Jade and Jeff of the AtvRyde club for all their help and support in organizing and helping with all the events! — *Kim Chournos*

