

# TREASURE STATE ATV ASSOCIATION

Billings Montana

## WHEEL TRAKS NEWSLETTER

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### Special Points of Interest:

- If you are receiving this newsletter via regular mail and have an email address please sent it to TSAT-VNews@bresnan.net
- Ride Committee is looking for volunteers to lead and organized the monthly rides.
- TSATV New Years party—January 21st, 2012. Save the Date !

## JANUARY CLUB MEETING

Thursday January 19th

Elks Club  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Dinner available at:  
5:30 pm



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## TENATIVE RIDE INFORMATION:

### January 2012

No Specific Ride Scheduled for this month.

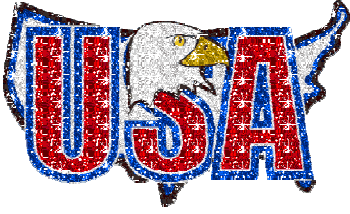
Keep checking the TSATV Forum [www.tsatv.org/forum](http://www.tsatv.org/forum) for impromptu rides.

### February 2012

No Specific Ride Scheduled for this month.

Looking for ideas for rides for the rest of this year.

*“Dedicated to the preservation and use of public lands”*



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So far we have had a very mild winter. It looks like we will have a few colder days starting next week, then back in the 40's and 50's again. Just letting the snowbirds know we are doing fine.

some time at the booth. Please let us know at the January 19<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting if you want to volunteer or call me at 860-1660. Thanks!

Lately there has been quite a bit of activity involving various lawsuits, as well as forest service and BLM issues. I will be recapping these issues at the monthly meeting.

Over the next two months we will be having TSATV officer and director nominations and the election. Several positions are open either through term limits or other situations. Please consider getting involved.

Who knows what the weather will be like and how soon we can get out on the trails. If you do get out, ride safe and have fun.

Bruce

For many years we have had a Christmas Party in December. We had parties which went well and a few where there were some discussions concerning location, food quality and price. Starting three years ago we moved to a post year-end party. This year we were making good progress towards a party but found many members were gone or were going to be gone. A decision was made to postpone the party. One alternative could be a potluck welcome back for the snowbirds and a get reacquainted party towards the end of April. We are looking for input.

This coming weekend we will have a booth at the Great Rockies Sportshow January 20-22. We have passes for members who would be willing to spend



*"No offense, but after building your own ATV for the last 3 years, I thought you'd have made better progress."*

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**TSATV Forum Reminder**

Please visit our website [www.tsatv.org](http://www.tsatv.org) and forum [www.tsatv.org/forum](http://www.tsatv.org/forum)

You should have received an email from "Treasure State ATV Association - Forum" welcoming you to the Treasure State ATV Association - Forum in June. The email included your login username and **temporary** password to access the forum. The majority of our Forum will only be available to the TSATV membership which requires you to log into. Once you log into the Forum we recommend that you change your password as well as update your online profile which can include an avatar (personalized picture), signature, personal text, etc. If you need help with this there is a section called "Suggestions and How-To" which will give you the steps to accomplish this.

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## Winterizing Your ATV: Don't Forget the Tabasco

While the ATV's battery represents perhaps the greatest concern for long-term storage, there are certainly many other factors worthy of consideration. From tires to fluids, it's a good idea to give your ATV a good thorough once over before laying it down for a long winter's nap. You might even need to give her some Tabasco Sauce.

### Step 1: Fresh Fluids

It may sound counterproductive to change your ATV's fluids just prior to parking it, but when you consider the fact that contaminants like dirt and water from a season's worth of riding could be sitting in your oil, literally corroding your engine's internals from within, the concept of fresh fluids starts to make a whole lot more sense. The most critical would be replacing the oil and the oil filter, but fastidious riders should also consider freshening up the coolant and draining the ATV's fuel supply. If you are planning on storing the machine for 6-months or less, the next step could be substituted for draining the fuel and running the ATV dry.

### Step 2: Sta-bilization

Pick up a bottle of fuel stabilizer (such as Sta-Bil) to be added into your ATV's fuel tank. This isn't quite as simple as pouring and parking, however as the first thing to consider is that your quad's fuel tank is likely a lot smaller than the 20+ gallon dosage an entire bottle is designed to treat. Since most ATV fuel tanks range between 3-6 gallons, average out about 1/4 the recommended auto portion for your quad (even less if your tank is less than full). Once you've added it to your machine's gas tank, shake the quad from side to side to ensure it mixes well, then fire up the ATV and let it run between 5 to 10-minutes to ensure that the stabilizer works its way into the carburetor/ fuel injectors.

### Step 3: Under Pressure

Prior to parking your machine, take a moment to check your tire pressure and be sure to inflate to the higher end of the manufacturer's recommendations. The reason for this is that extended storage coupled to fluctuations in temperature result in the gradual deflation of tires over time. Having your machine sitting on flats is not only bad for the rims but can result in permanent flat spots in the tire's carcass.

### Step 4: We Have Liftoff

If your period storage looks to exceed 6-months (or the duration is unknown), consider jacking the machine off the ground altogether. Larger utility models or UTVs may require an automotive jack and jack-stands to accomplish this, while minis and sport models typically need little more than a hardy 5-gallon bucket turned over and wedged beneath the frame spars cradling the engine.

Elevating the quad's wheels from the ground insures against changes in tire PSI associated with storage (which in turn prevents dry rotting/ weather cracking) as well as relieves the machine's suspension.

### Step 5: Cork It Up

Use an aftermarket rubber stopper, hunk of cork or even tightly packed rags in a pinch, but make sure to block off your ATV's muffler opening. Small critters and insects tend to seek out cylindrical orifices in which to nest for the winter.

### Step 6: Rodent Repellent

When packing away your machine for any period of time, the risk of rodent infestation is always a concern, as these pests are known to nest in air-boxes, exhaust systems and even rip into seat covers to remove seat stuffing. There is no shortage of commercial products available to trap, kill or poison these critters, but perhaps the most cost effective and non-invasive practices could be in your home already: Two scents which are proven to keep mice, rats, squirrels and chipmunks on the move are the sweetness of fabric softener sheets and the zesty goodness of cayenne pepper. In either case, consider draping a tarp or sheet over the machine and either placing Bounce dryer sheets in various locations about the ATV's exterior or filling a bucket with water and a bottle of Tabasco Sauce to be placed under the same tarp as the machine. We've also heard that simply opening a bottle of auto car wax and leaving that under the ATV / tarp will drive such varmint away as well.

**\*\*\* Reminder \*\*\* We will be nominating and electing Officers and Board Members for 2012 at the January and February meetings.**

## ITEMS FOR SALE:

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