Bluff Country ATV Club Newsletter

Next Meeting: October 15th 10:00am @ Stumpy's, Rushford, MN 3rd Sat of the month

Upcoming Events:

Ride after the meeting October 15th

Notes from September Meeting:

Called to Order 10:07am Minutes read and approved Treasures Report read and approved

<u>Membership Report:</u> Heidi: 47 adult members and 2 Business Memberships (M&M Lawn & Leisure and Riverwood Restaurant)

Old Business:

<u>Highland Trails</u> – Bob contacted organization in WI that helps clubs to get trails started and they contacted DNR – Info on trail still in process. Bob and Brian working on getting trail started (any added info would be helpful).

Hats - Samples are in -4 - colors. Hat committee working on getting them imprinted.

Business Cards - Need more, need to review changes to cards and add to web site.

<u>Website</u> – <u>www.bluffcountryatv.com</u> – Four businesses paid for website, AL'S SPECIALTY, TRUMBL'S HONDA, M&M LAWN AND LEISURE, and R&J YAMAHA.

New Business –

Motion to pick up new light bulbs and spare bulbs next year, passed. (Too many bulbs broken in storage).

Some bills turned in for drags, approved and paid.

More bills for drags are outstanding and will be taken care of at next meeting.

Dealers that have paid for the website to be listed on last page of newsletter.

Send pictures to Brian Brian@bluffcountryatv.com for website.

Obstacle course for fund raising event and ATV drags for 2006 discussed. More discussion on these events at next meeting. Bring ideas about land, insurance, no alcohol at obstacle course event, etc.

<u>Youth ATV Safety Training</u> – Training is scheduled for Oct. 1, 2005. Please bring cookies and bars for the kids. Club will provide refreshments. Members please show up at Stumpy's at 8:00am to help on training day. Anyone who wants to help with presentation for training please let Brian know, he can use the help. Registration for kids at 8:30am, class at 9:00am.

<u>RIDE</u> – Ride for Oct 15th meeting day will be at Mike & Heidi's and then ride over to Bob's ----- *BRING YOUR ATV'S* -----

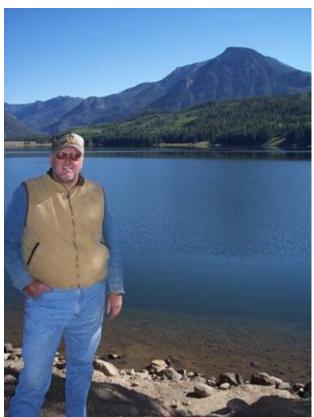
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:12am (GOOD WORK BRIAN!)

From the Pres: Well as of July 1, 2005 the clubs web site has had 39,636 hits (visits). And you will be happy to know (or not) the club has hit international status with the visits range for the United States, Canada, Netherlands, Turkey, Italy, Germany, and Belgium. True some of these from other countries were probably a mistake but HEY they are still finding us. I spoke to a friend up in St. Cloud and directed him to the web site and he said "Oh yea I've been to this site". So what does this all mean? As we move forward with fund raisers or events, having them on the web, people will be aware of it, and hopefully memberships will be increased. We had to cancel the ATV training that was scheduled for October 1st due to lack or registration. But at the October meeting we will get another one scheduled for next spring. I told the ones that did register I would contact them and inform them of the new date. We are still looking at a Club Only Training next year. Everyone still has to go thought the CD and this will give time for you to fit it into your busy schedule. I would like to know if the members would like to split the training over two meeting days or do it in one. Let me hear from you, I will start bringing CD's to the meeting for people to pickup.

Ride in Wisconsin: In September some of our members went on a two day ride in Wisconsin. The day started good but the weather turned a little wet. By noon there was a light rain. There must have close to 300 machines on the trails. By afternoon the weather cleared up. The trails were great to ride on. There are a lot of up and hills to ride on. It's a real work out. The card game was a lot of fun – till 3:00am. Only the hardy lasted that late. And I thank all those who donated.









Mitchell and I missed last months meeting because we were out Elk Hunting in Colorado. We had time for a little 4 wheeling. The views were great. Beautiful country. We went to the end of the world, over 10,000 foot altitude. We road the back roads until they closed it. We got a little fishing in. We camped next to the lake. The trip was quite the experience.