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## The New Dirt —

**4th of July Parade.** Well, we finally did it! We had a great turnout for riding in our first 4th of July parade in Raymond. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come out and participate, and Jim Fohr for letting us meet and park at his farm beforehand. Despite the heat and hot sun, I heard a lot of "thanks for wearing your helmets" along the parade route as we rolled by. Check out the pictures on our website in the gallery. Thank you also to our sponsor Scott Toro from Dynamic Signs for the great new banners and Scott Morton for donating the use of his truck and trailer.

**Membership List.** Some members have requested a membership list, so they can easily contact other members. This list would just have your name, phone # and *email* address, but NOT your mailing address. If you would like to have your name omitted from the list, please notify Colleen asap to have your name taken off before copies are made for the next meeting.

**Clark County Trip.** July 20 - July 22. Camping at The Bunkhouse (N11702 Elker Road Merrillan, WI 54754). We have also been invited to All Season's (another ATV Club) picnic/dinner on Saturday night. The cost would be \$5 per person and you need to BYOB (bring your own beverages). All-Season's would like a head count, so I will need to know if you are interested, and how many in your party will be attending. For any more info, contact Jason Benjamin at 414-333-3305.

**Root River Cleanup.** Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 18th. More details will follow about times and locations to be determined. We'll need people to bring pruners, chainsaws, atv's, & gloves.

**August C-4 Trip Rescheduled.** The Park Falls trip has been cancelled and relocated to Lake Hilbert Campground to coincide with WATVA's Muddy Chick's "2nd Annual Lake Hilbert Shindig." The new weekend date is August 25 - 26 at Lake Hilbert Campground in Fence, WI (a.k.a. Goodman / Pembine / Dunbar). Some people are going up on Wednesday or Thursday to make a long weekend out of it. C-4 will be picking up the cost of camping for members to encourage a good turnout and reward its members. Pete currently has 10 campsites reserved, so please let him know by the next meeting if you're planning on attending. They have electric, water, restrooms and showers. The campground also has two convenient dump stations. The restaurant is open 7 am - 2 pm and serves breakfast & lunch. They also serve a Friday fish fry from 4 - 9 pm. For more info on Muddy Chick's blog, go to <http://www.watva.org/site/Viewer.aspx?iid=6626&mname=Article&pid=1313>  
For more info on Lake Hilbert Campground, their website is [www.lakehilbertcampground.com](http://www.lakehilbertcampground.com)

**Blue Ribbon Coalition.** This organization fights the lock-up of public lands and recreation areas. Members of the Blue Ribbon Coalition range from recreationists, ranchers, loggers, miners, and small communities. The BRC fights attacks on our sports and seeks responsible use of resources. Tony Zinski proposed that we join. It was voted on and passed at the last meeting to become a member.

**Screenprinted C-4 Apparel.** Please see Pete if you need any short or long-sleeve t-shirts or sweatshirts. Short-sleeve t-shirts are \$15, long sleeve t-shirts are \$20 and sweatshirts are \$35. The order had been completed over a month ago (they forgot to call) and will be at the next meeting.

**Next C-4 Meeting & Pizza**  
**Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 pm**  
**South Hills Country Club**  
3047 E. Frontage Road  
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## CPSC Warns Meerkat 50 Youth ATVs Defective and Dangerous

From CPSC - U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
Office of Information & Public Affairs Washington, DC 20207

June 5, 2007 - Release #07-204

CPSC Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: Scott Wolfson, (301) 504-7908

### Meerkat 50 Youth ATVs Defective and Dangerous

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The staff of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning consumers who own a Kazuma Meerkat 50 Youth All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) that children are at risk of injury or death due to multiple safety defects with this off-road vehicle.

The ATVs, which were imported by Kazuma Pacific Inc., of Stafford, Texas, were found to have several serious defects. CPSC staff has determined that the Meerkat 50 lacks front brakes, has no parking brake, is missing a neutral indicator light, and can be started in gear. Additionally, the owner's manual does not contain complete information on safe operation and maintenance of the ATV.

CPSC staff recommends that consumers stop using the product immediately because it is unsafe. The staff recommends that consumers demand a refund of the purchase price from the importer or dealer due to the defective condition of the ATV.

The risk with these ATVs is severe because these vehicles are intended for children age 6 to 11. In many cases, youth riders are just learning how to operate an ATV and may not have the experience necessary to help them avoid hazards associated with this product's defects.

Kazuma Pacific has refused to provide complete incident or injury information for any of their products. Therefore, CPSC has been unable to determine how many children have been injured. Between December 2006 and May 2007, Kazuma Pacific has impeded CPSC's efforts to protect the safety of children, by refusing to implement a corrective action plan for this ATV.

Kazuma Pacific has sold at least 2,700 Meerkat 50 ATVs and has stated that they are continuing to sell the units that CPSC staff found to be defective. Kazuma dealers and Web retailers nationwide have sold this ATV since 2003 for between \$525 and \$825.

CPSC staff is requesting that consumers immediately report any incidents involving the Kazuma Meerkat 50 to the CPSC Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or to the CPSC Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)

To see this release on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the product, please go to:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerelease/prhtml07/07204.html>

## 2007 C-4 CLUB TRIPS / EVENTS

### CLARK COUNTY

July 20 - 22, 2007 - Clark County, WI

Contact: Jason Benajamin

**\* PARK FALLS TRIP IN AUGUST HAS BEEN CANCELLED! \***

### ROOT RIVER CLEANUP

August 18, 2007 - starting north of 6 Mile Road

Contact: Pete Feest & Scott Morton

### LAKE HILBERT CAMPGROUND

August 25 - 26, 2007 - Goodman, WI (Pembine / Dunbar)

Contact: Pete Feest & Scott Morton

**ATV/SNOWMOBILE TRAIL CLEANUP** - Pembine / Dunbar  
Lake Hilbert - October 12 - 14, 2007 (date subject to change)

Contact: Pete Feest