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ride stupid, you
better be tough.**

The New Dirt — November / December 2009

November C-4 Meeting / Pizza. Sunday, November 15th at Shamrock Pub & Grill at 1:00 pm (12:30 Board meeting) at 7641 Highway 38 in Caledonia, one block South of 7 Mile Road on Hwy 38. Our first meeting at this location, this meeting will be the final opportunity to make nominations for the board. We also are looking for people to serve on the election committee in January. However, family members of those nominated, will not be able to serve on this committee (see by-law changes on next page). Come out for pizza at the last C-4 meeting of the year, and let's talk about plans for next year!

Board Position Nominations. We will take final nominations at the next meeting for 2-year terms for President, Treasurer and 2 advisors. If you think someone would be great to serve on the board, speak up and nominate! We are always looking for more new ideas and voices. Thank you to Del McClure, Eric Dittlof, Tony Zinski and Mike Zahn for their years of dedicated service and contributions.

Accepted/Pending Nominations: **President:** Del McClure (not accepted or declined), Carol Bullard (not accepted or declined); **Treasurer:** Eric Dittlof (accepted); **Advisors:** Mike Zahn (accepted), Scott Morton (accepted), Chuck Bendever (accepted).

Toys 4 Tots Fun Ride. Thank you to all the club members who donated toys and money for ATV Nation's "Toys 4 Tots Fun Ride" on November 7th at Lakewoods Resort in Cable. Despite the tough times all around us, it's great to see such an outpouring of generosity. C-4 members donated a total of 2 large boxes plus a large bag of toys, which was about \$300 worth. We also voted at the last meeting to donate the proceeds from our 50/50 drawing to purchase a few additional toys, as well. ATV Nation counted a total of 355 toys (est. value \$10 ea.), so donations from cash, checks, and shirt sales raised an additional \$2,742. The grand total raised was \$6,292! They estimate about 120 machines rode on Saturday, and they had about that many for dinner. ATV Nation is talking about making this an annual event, so I will keep you posted on that in 2010. Thanks for making Christmas even more special for these families. It's very much appreciated!



Some toys collected for the "Toys 4 Tots Fun Ride"

Trail Cleanup Weekend October 7-10. Staying at Lake Hilbert Campground in Fence, we had 16 club members participate in the atv/snowmobile trail clean up. This year, we were assigned a new snowmobile trail to clean up, which was a very beautiful, rustic trail. Although the weather was rather chilly, it was still a great time and the constant laughter kept us warm. Thanks to everyone who braved the weather and took the time to "give back" to the great trail systems we all enjoy in this state!

14th Annual Family Fest. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this fundraising event for the C.A.P. Fund on September 12th in Caledonia. This year, they were able to donate \$11,500! Thanks also goes out to Wally Beltz for hosting the event, our club event coordinators Bubba and Carol Bullard, Eric Dittlof for running the games, and everyone else who came out to show their support. First place in the atv show was Eric D (who got a C-4 duffle bag), 2nd went to Mike K (who gets a C-4 t-shirt) and third went to Nik J (who got a C-4 hat). The dime game in our tent raised almost \$90, while the hi/lo game raised a whopping \$818.31! The club also had voted on and approved donating an additional \$250. Check out their website at www.thefamilyfest.com

NEXT C-4 MEETING
Sunday, Nov. 15th
1:00 pm
Shamrock Pub & Grill



Part of the Trail Cleanup Crew at Lake Hilbert, Fence, WI (October 2009)

C-4 Banquet. As of right now, it appears we will probably have our banquet at South Hills Country Club at the end of March 2010. Thank you to Joe and Deb Matusewick for volunteering again to help coordinate our banquet plans. Hopefully the blizzard conditions will stay away this time!

C-4 Website. Mike Zahn is working on rebuilding the website and photo gallery. We appreciate your patience with this time consuming job, since it's a great deal of work. We all miss viewing the pictures, but hopefully when things are back, it should be better than ever. We now have purchased caledonia4wheelers.com, as well, and a large hard drive to back up our club's website and laptop files.

ATV Safety Class Sept. 18th - 19th. Thank you, Tony Zinski and supporting volunteers for taking the time and effort in supporting atv education!

C-4 Embroidery. We have Mossy Oak Camo caps in stock for only \$10. We also plan to give a hat away at each meeting, as part of the 50/50 drawing. They will be black or tan embroidered "Caledonia 4-Wheelers" simplified logos, which you've seen other members wearing. We still have a couple black hats with silver flames for \$15. The last embroidery order for the year has been placed. We are also trying to work with another local embroiderer on doing the set up for full color logo embroidery on jacket backs.



On the shores of Lake Hilbert after the trail cleanup (October, 2009)

October C-4 Meeting / "Burning of the Witch" Halloween Party. Thank you to Lisa and Scott Morton for hosting the last meeting/Halloween party at their home last month. We also appreciate all of the great snacks and desserts everyone brought out. It was a boo-tifully good time!

C-4 Member of the Year. Start thinking about who you would like to nominate for C-4's *Member of the Year*. Last year, we asked people to write down during the elections who they think deserves this honor, and the board will pick from those and announce the winner at our banquet. Please note, board members serving at election time aren't eligible.

Ace Powersports. For those of you who don't have email, our sponsor Ace Powersports in Kenosha is permanently closed. We appreciate the support and sponsorship they have given to C-4, and are very sad to see them go. They have worked with us through the years, since we first started trying to obtain sponsorships. For our first banquet, they donated a new set of atv tires! Please remember to support our sponsors, as they support us in return. We wish the best of luck to the employees in their search for new jobs.

Election By-law Changes. Since we needed to clarify our club's voting rules and regulations, we've voted on the following by-law changes at the last 2 meetings, and will be voting on it for final adoption into our by-laws on Nov. 15:

1. Elections will take place at the first C-4 meeting of the year. Voting members must be 18 years old and a club member as of December 31st of the previous year. (For example, 2009 club members can vote in January 2010. New members who join at the first 2010 meeting can not vote at that meeting.)
2. Ballots will be distributed by a volunteer committee, who will then check that member on the current membership list. The committee reserves the right to request identification, so extra ballots are not disbursed.
3. New membership forms or dues for the new year will not be accepted before the election takes place at the first meeting of the year. After elections have taken place, new memberships and dues may be collected.
4. No board members, nominees, or immediate family members (i.e., brother, sister, father, mother) that is running for office shall serve on the election committee.

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