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# UTAH ATV NEWSLETTER



## Utah ATV Association

On December 3rd, we have our annual Xmas dinner. Sign up before November 25th, at [utahatv.com](http://utahatv.com) and reserve your spot. If you would like to participate in our White Elephant exchange please bring a wrapped gift with you too. We hope to see you there!

No club meeting for December. Utah ATV Association would like to say have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

## MOAB MAYHEM RIDE

Ever ride next to a cliff edge and get a little nervous or even close your eyes because of the fear of heights? Well this ride was not for the faint of heart as we rode Hell's Roaring Rim. Yes the name was appropriate. It was a straight down drop to the bottom. We rode the edge all the way down and the views were amazing.



The weather was cold but the sky was blue, the sun was warm and it was some of the best views this year, absolutely beautiful.

We had about 55 people and 25 machines that rode together and had a wonderful experience. As always there were a few that had some issues, one being no bathrooms. We are sorry for that

and unfortunately, mother nature's beauty lies away from civilization so we need to find a bush

or two on the trails. Hopefully that didn't detour the ride with all the beautiful vistas.

Our after ride BBQ was tasty, we had plenty of food and many took the time to make some delicious side dishes. From chili to a Dutch oven bean dip, to pasta salads and more. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful meal!

## December Recipe

### The "Pidgeon" Funeral Potato



Yes, you read that right, Pidgeon funeral potatoes. Why Pidgeon? Well, it's because our own Mellissa Pidgeon from the club shared this recipe with us.

In skillet heat 1 tablespoon butter and cook onion until soft. In mixing bowl combine everything except French's onion and Dorito's. Stir well, try thawing hash browns to make mixing easier. Preheat oven to 375 and put mixture into 9 x 13 casserole dish and cook for 30 min. Take out and stir casserole, put back in oven cook 20-30 min more once it's bubbling in the center you'll know it's done. Take out of oven and sprinkle your crushed onion and Dorito mixture on top, place in oven for 5 min but make sure topping doesn't burn. Then serve and enjoy!!!

- 30 oz. package of hash browns
- 1/2 yellow onion
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 1/2 cups French's Fried Onion
- 2 cups Nacho Cheese Doritos

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Presidents corner. As 2022 comes to an end, I would like to wish all of you a very happy holiday season. It is a time for friends, family, joyful times, and reflection.

Our Club has endured a lot of changes this year. With the unplanned change in the presidency to the addition of interim board members. We have overcome a lot of unforeseen obstacles and have grown closer as a group. Our membership continues to grow, and we continue to make improvements.

For those that have missed the last couple of rides; a quick update. We have begun holding our riders meeting 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the ride. This has afforded us an opportunity to ease into our ride and clearly communicate changes. One such change was to our drop system. We have included the use of colored flags. A red flag for the leader to drop machines, and a green flag for the tail gunner to pick machines up. Similar to a stop light at an intersection. This has proven to be very successful.

We have created a trail group. This group is in charge of facilitating our rides. The use of this group has been highly successful, and the addition has given the board the staffing necessary to split the rides into two groups when necessary. Again, as our Club has grown the number of machines on the rides has also increased. Having the ability to split the group minimizes our impact on the trails and helps us maintain the TREAD LIGHTLY principle.

During our recent ride in Moab, there was a newer member upset due to no facilities being available on the trail. I often forget that some of our members are new to the sport and may not realize that bathrooms are far and few between. I would like everyone to know that, when possible, we will take breaks where facilities are available, however more often than not we will be in areas that do not have a restroom of any kind.

As we move forward, I will continue to try and improve on the information provided during the riders meeting. Remember, not everyone understands what we do, if they are new to our sport. There are no dumb questions, only one's that are not asked. So please ask. I would prefer to answer a question so that we can avoid unpleasant experiences for our riders.

## ANNUAL CLUB XMAS PARTY

It's that time of year when we get together and enjoy the season with family and friends. On December 3rd at 6 pm we will hold our annual Christmas Party. To sign-up and order your food please go to the club web page at [utahatv.com](http://utahatv.com) and click on Utah ATV Store, scroll down to this picture icon and choose which meal you'd like. You will also find all the details as well. All orders must be in by the 25th.



We will also be doing a White Elephant gift exchange, if you would like to participate. The limit is \$20. We hope to see you there.

## SENIOR GIVING TREE

This year marks our 3rd annual Senior Giving Tree. We are



shopping for the residents of Sarah Daft Home. We need all gifts turned in by December 3rd at our Christmas party. Please wrap your gifts and attach the tree tag with their name on it. If there is more

than one package, please, place them in a bag to keep them together. If you can't bring the gifts to the party please contact a board member to make arrangements. We will be meeting at the Sarah Daft Home on December 16th at 5:30 pm for those who would like to attend. We also, will be singing a few Christmas Carols to put a smile on their faces, so please come join us. Thank you for

## MEMBERSHIP/ DONATIONS



Come join our club! We have monthly meetings where you can learn more about your SXS, ATV and more. Learn about how and where to ride safely. Meet others just like yourself who want to learn and be a part of an awesome club. With an Ambassador membership join us each month for our club rides and barbeque. Find custom apparel from our club store, and with your Ambassador membership you'll receive 10% off.

Your generous donation helps us to operate our non profit Utah ATV Association club that was founded in 1983. The purpose of the Association is to preserve the trail rider's access to National Forest, State Parks, and BLM Lands, and to protect the resources of these lands. Membership support and participation are essential to the success of our organization and our goals. The Association is a charter member of the Blue Ribbon Coalition. We also support Tread Lightly.

