



Tubing U.S.A.

The days are getting warmer and longer. A sure sign that summer is on its way. It's time to head out and have some fun in the sun. One activity I haven't engaged in for a while is tubing. Not that I wouldn't mind doing it, I just don't have a boat. Fortunately, I've discovered a new way to enjoy this past-time.

These fun-loving lunatics are taking tubing to a new extreme. Here's how it works. You tie a large, soft rubber inner tube to the back of your car, hop on and accelerate down the nearest gravel road. Dust, I hear, is an acquired taste, so you'll have to get used to it.

Sounds like fun, well, all except for the part where the tube bursts on a rock or shard of glass, sending your scantily-clad body tumbling and scraping across the gravel. When you finally come to a grinding stop, you're bleeding from head-to-toe from a severe case of road-rash, and you've got a broken shoulder, but aw shucks, that's what they make bandages for, right?

Folks, there's no denying that summer is a time for fun. So go out there and live it up. Just do one thing for me ... put some thought into your off-the-wall activities so you can avoid a costly injury.