



Meet your Exec!

Jacques Ledoux,
 Vice-President

Jacques got back into dirt biking a few years ago when two of his kids bought a couple of old YZ80's. His dad was in town and they headed up to Bear Creek to check them out. After his Dad watched Jacques hop on one he correctly predicted Jacques would have his own bike again soon!



Jacques had the bug and quickly became an avid rider and member of the OTRA and more recently BCORMA. He and four of his six kids ride regularly and have enjoyed getting actively involved with the riding community. They love riding and camping at Bear Creek but also ride many of the other off road areas that we are blessed with here in the Southern Interior.

Though busy as a self-employed partner in a local hydraulic business (FPS Fluid Power Solutions Inc.) he is passionate about getting other riders involved with supporting the OTRA or other local riding associations as well as helping educate other riders and the community about riding responsibly. As a Glenrosa resident he has spent a lot of time riding in the Smith Creek area and hopes to be able to protect riders access to that area. He really wants to make sure we as riders respect private property owners in Smith Creek or wherever you ride so they stay open minded to the idea of responsible riders being able to access the area. He wants to make sure his new grandson has the same fantastic riding opportunities that he now enjoys.

2012 OTRA EXECUTIVE

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BEAR CREEK TRAIL PASS

The Bear Creek OHV Area Trail Pass Program was initiated in May 2012 and has gone surprisingly well with the majority of people being happy to, or at least realize the importance of, financially contributing to OHV Riding at Bear Creek.

A big part of the success must be attributed to our Local OHV Dealers and to Dave, our Bear Creek Site Host. Their patience in explaining the needs and their support of the program has been invaluable. A big thanks to all involved!!

Funds collected go towards the continued development of Trails, the maintenance of existing trails, our Site Host and all those expenses related to operations (tools, insurance, equip. maintenance, etc). Of course, without the further financial assistance of our Government partner, Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC), we'd never be this far ahead. A big thanks to John Glaspie's Department for their support!

BEAR CREEK OHV TRAIL SYSTEM PASS / OTRA MEMBERSHIP RATES

OTRA Membership & Bear Creek Passes are available at:
 Bear Creek OHV: Aspen Trail Head (Weekends)
 Online at: www.okanagantrailriders.com/members

And at the following Dealers:

Kelowna Yamaha
 M&M Performance
 Innovative Motorsports

Kelowna Honda Powerhouse
 Valley Moto Sport
 Banner Recreation

2012 Rates (Jan 1-Dec31):
 Memberships include Annual Pass

- Primary Member : \$50
- Secondary Adult: \$30 add'l
- Youth (<19): \$10 add'l

(*must have at least one primary per membership and live at same residence)

UPCOMING OTRA EVENTS



**Wed. "Over the Hump"
Rides start again in
September!**

If you've never been out to a "Over the Hump" ride night than you're missing a great time and a huge benefit of your OTRA membership!

Different levels go out with riders who offer to lead those groups so it doesn't matter if you know you're way around yet. Often you'll end up on trails you've never ridden, or ride them in a sequence/flow that you've never tried, thus making that ride your new favorite!

After the ride, hang out with the other riders (and see what they look like without helmets on!), tell lies about your ride and enjoy some excellent snacks or a meal when sponsored. Guided ride, new friends, great food all included in your OTRA membership!

Dates: Wednesdays in September

Meet: Aspen Trailhead (~1 km past the old Pits)

5-6 pm: Rides start (different level groups)

6:30-8:30pm: Complimentary Food (when sponsored)

September Food Sponsors:

Sept.5: Kelowna Honda Powerhouse

Sept.12th: Glendinning Insurance

Sept 19 or 26: Kelowna Yamaha

Sept 19 or 26: The Okanagan Dirt Bike Galz

Thanks to the OK Dirtbike Galz, Kelowna Yamaha, Ken Umbarger, FPS Fluid Power Solutions, Valley Moto Sport, M&M Performance, Kelowna Honda Powerhouse and Inform Food Brokerage for donating the well appreciated post riding food (and sometimes even Chef Skills!) for the well attended Spring "Over the Hump" rides! Thanks also to Glendinning Insurance Services, who signed up to sponsor but then got a cancellation due to rain.



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND FAMILY FUN RIDE DAY!



Sun. Oct. 7, 2012

at the Aspen Trailhead

The Okanagan Trail Riders, in conjunction with Recreation Sites and Trails B.C., will be hosting a Family Fun Ride at the Bear Creek Recreation Area, West Kelowna. The ride will be a "poker run" style event with playing cards being handed out at the beginning of each loop and prizes for the best card hands!

Various lengths of loops and varying degrees of difficulty!! Pee Wee loop(s), B Loop and a 62 km A Loop (with marked short cuts!) Come out and ride the new "Knife Ridge" single track on the A Loop!

Sign Up: 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Riders Meeting: 10:45 am

Event Start: 11:00 am to 2:30 pm

Cost: Adult Members: \$25.00

Youth Member: \$10.00

Adult *Non- Members: \$35.00

Youth *Non-Member: \$20.00

(*Non-Member prices include a Bear Creek Day Pass)

A Concession will be on site

Family Fun Ride Volunteers are needed!

Please contact Wendy at: wendydyck@telus.net or 250.878.7874 if you are able to help out for a few hours. **Great Events like these depend on volunteers!** The sooner Wendy hears from you the better she can plan for the event

EVENTS IN THE VALLEY



Okanagan Hare Scrambles Series

The next race in the series is the Full Throttle in **Vernon** on **September 23** and is famous for its tight treed sections, enduro cross section, rocks and roots! This course has it all! For more info. visit www.ohssracing.com

Thanks to this Season's Bear Creek Project Sponsors!

Besides being fortunate enough to have great sponsors step in to help with events such as the Wednesday night Hump Rides, the ATV Ride for Dad and the upcoming Family Fun Ride, we also are fortunate to have the support for some of the many supplies and services that the Bear Creek OHV area needs in order to continue developing. I hope I haven't missed anyone if I have and we'll get you next newsletter! (email carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com)

A continued Thank you to John Glaspie and **Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC)** for his Department's support of the project and to Dick and Joani Dufourd of **RecConnect**, the project Consultants, for their willingness to be contacted at any time, even off season.



The guys at **Winn Rentals** are always great to work with! They came through for us by providing a 1 day Bob Cat Rental for a job that our own equipment wasn't as suitable for. Thanks **Winn Rentals!**



Omega Communications for their continued support in maintaining and programming of the radios as well as providing us with great pricing on channel frequency rental. Thanks to Omega for helping keep our Trail Crew safe and in communication!



Thanks also to the **Okanagan Wash Zone** for helping us to keep all our vehicles and Trail Equipment clean, especially this past messy spring, and therefore at less risk of repair problems!



Thanks to Carl at **Stacey Screenprint** for supplying great pricing for all those stickers, and a ton of other items, for Trail Passes, Trail posts, etc..

Equipment maintenance is always a big expense line item in our OTRA budget so anytime we can reduce it we have more funds to go into the actual building of trails. This year the truck needed new tires and **Kal Tire** came through for us again! Thanks to **Kal Tire** for donating 4 tires (approx \$1400 value) for the OTRA Truck.



The Club can only afford so many pieces of equipment so we'll always be short on something. In this case it was a dumping trailer. Thanks to **Desert Trailer Sales** for coming through for Bear Creek and donating a 1 day rental for large dumping trailer.



Belated thank you to **Kelowna Chainsaws** who donated over \$800 of product last year and continues support by giving OTRA a discount on parts.



Thanks to **Honda Canada**, in conjunction with **Kelowna Honda Powerhouse**, for use of 2 new ATV's this year. The Trail Crew wouldn't be able to operate as well as they do without them!



Also a big thanks to **Arctic Cat** in conjunction with **Valley Moto Sport** for providing use of a Prowler for our Site Host to get around so comfortably and with his supplies.



Fire Hazard and Campfire News

The Campfire ban has been lifted but we're not 100% done with our risk so please take care and always be aware and report potential problems. Know who to contact and keep our area safe.

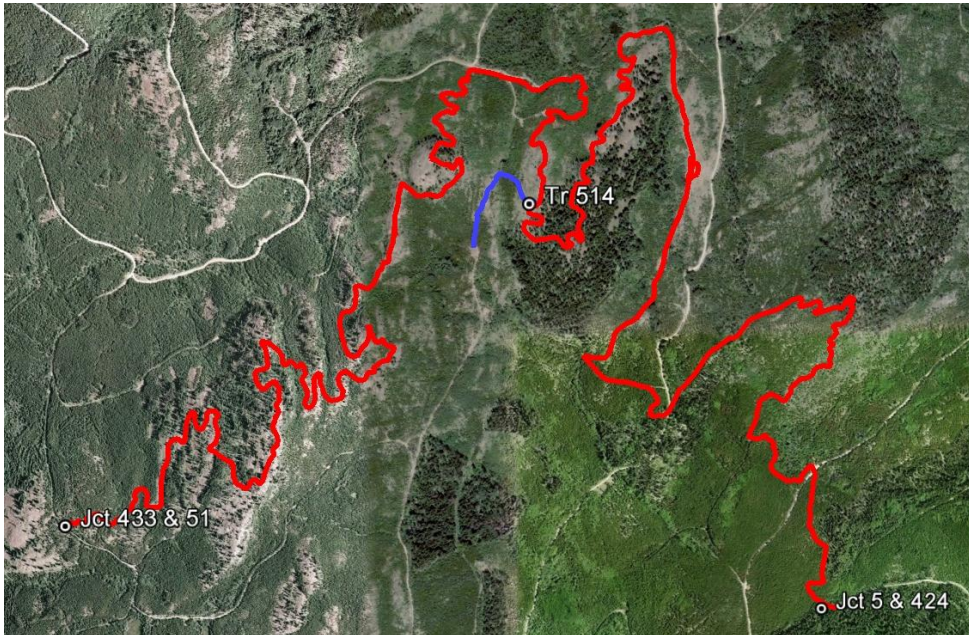
FIRE HAZARD AND INFORMATIONAL LINKS	
Fire Hazard Index ratings (for the Kamloops Fire Centre)	Click Here
BC Forest Restrictions:	Click Here
Campfire Safety Public Notice	Click Here
To report a wildfire or unattended campfire	*5555 on your cell or call 1-800-663-555





BEAR CREEK TRAIL NEWS SHORTS!

KNIFE RIDGE (Trail 51) takes shape!



Lots of hard manual labour has occurred this spring and summer resulting in several new kilometers of excellent single track trail being signed! The newest offering is the Knife Ridge Trail (or Trail 51).

For those of you who love the old style cross country feeling single track trails this one is definitely for you! The marked trail is about 13 km long, at this stage, and starts off of trail 5 just past the Junction of Trail 424 & 5 where it crosses Jack Pine Flats Road.

You'll wind your way over and around some of the highest ridges in the signed part of the area (~1500m) and will be treated to great views of Bear Creek OHV, Okanagan Lake and the Okanagan Valley.

The Trail is rated as Blue but is a higher level of blue at this point due to the trail not being as "manicured" as most of the other blue trails you've ridden at Bear. There are a few rock ledges and ridge climbs that can be a bit tricky for blue level riders so be ready for a challenge! The trail will be easier to ride as it gets worn in but for now is still a bit of an adventure. Until it's fully worn in you'll need to make sure you look for the ribbons or paint marks that are still on the trail.

For those who'd like to try out the trail but aren't sure if they're ready for the whole thing you can ride the more defined section of Trail 51 from Trail 5 and then take the TR 514 exit and return back to the previously established marked trails to the east.

Trail 51 will eventually continue and connect with some more new and existing trails to offer you a series of trail choices.

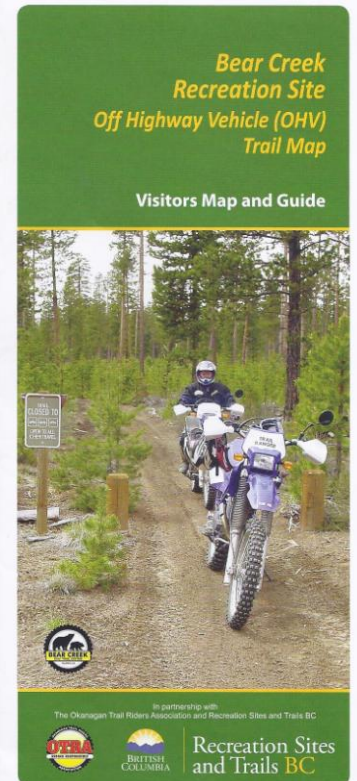
Like to try it out?

Trevor Timmer, our Trail building Guru, is thinking about taking people out for a guided tour this Monday Sept 3, or when a group forms, so if you're a strong rider and would like to take the opportunity to ride with him email him at: trevor.timmer@okanagantrailriders.com and he'll let you know the plans. Our Wednesday night ride crews will likely head out partially that way as well, subject to daylight.

New Bear Creek Recreation Site Brochure

Is now available at Bear Creek OHV Trail Heads and online

[\(click here for the brochure\)](#)



Garbage Cleanup!

Thanks to Dave, our Bear Creek Site Host, for stockpiling some of the old debris from around the site and arranging for removal. Thanks also to the Regional District for hauling it away for us. The environment and users of the area appreciate your efforts!

Current Bear Creek OHV Area Conditions

<http://www.okanagantrailriders.com/forums>

<http://www.bearcreekohv.ca>