

Okanagan **TRAIL RIDERS** Association

JUNE 2012



2012 OTRA Memberships

OTRA Annual Memberships are inexpensive and include a Bear Creek OHV Area annual Trail Pass, access to Club events, liability Insurance during Club activities, Dealership and Insurance discounts.

2012 Rates:

Primary (or Single) Member: \$50
with Secondary adult membership: \$30 add'l
with Youth under 19: \$10 each add'l

(Memberships are based on a calendar year: Jan 1 - Dec 31)

Upgrade to an "OTRA Gold Membership" for \$20 additional per family and receive one BCORMA Pass and 2 Bear Creek Day Pass vouchers to use for your guests!

Club revenues go towards the construction and maintenance of the Bear Creek OHV area as well as events and activities put on by OTRA throughout the year to promote riding and the Bear Creek OHV.

Without your support we can't accomplish all that needs to be done. If you ride it, support it please! Even if you don't ride it, please recognize that an area like Bear Creek helps protect all our riding areas in BC.

For those who purchased their Memberships online and have not yet received their stickers, they have been mailed out and you should receive them this week at the address you indicated upon sign-up.

If you ride at Bear Creek before you receive your sticker Dave, our site host, has the membership list so he'll know you have a Pass.

For more information, Contact Andy Jones:
Andy.Jones@okanagantrailriders.com

OTRA MEMBERSHIP & BEAR CREEK DAY PASSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Bear Creek OHV: Aspen Trail Head (Wknds)
Online at: www.okanagantrailriders.com/members/
& AT THE FOLLOWING DEALERSHIPS:

M&M Performance Banner Recreation
Innovative Motorsports Kelowna Yamaha
Valley Moto Sport (West Kelowna & Kelowna)
Kelowna Honda Powerhouse

Congratulations to the Artiss Family for winning the 2012 Membership purchase Early Bird Draw!

The Artiss's chose Valley Moto Sport as the Dealership that they would like to redeem their \$100 voucher at.

Valley Moto Sport
KELOWNA, BC

Thanks to Valley Moto Sport for making that happen. Thanks also to Kelowna Yamaha and Kelowna Honda Powerhouse for their involvement!



2012 OTRA EXECUTIVE

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Bear Creek OHV You Tube Videos

By Dave Norona



Thanks must be given to Dave Norona of Norona Life (Noronalife.com) for his recent, and past, supportive videos of the Bear Creek OHV area and the work being done there.

It's amazing that he and his friends, as a riders, not as people formally involved with OTRA, are willing to donate their valuable riding holiday time to us and to help the sport! Thanks Dave, Steve and Kim!

While there are a few reference errors in them (see if you can find them!) they are great promotional and motivational items for us.

Check them out by clicking on the link and don't forget to say Hi to Dave on his next trip to Kelowna!

<i>Less Sound equals More Ground</i>	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFQNu2LqVU
<i>Trail Maintenance 101</i>	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDALNOVL_8g
<i>Bear Creek May 2012</i>	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdZUPekK0sE
<i>Kim at Bear Creek June 2010</i>	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RP95t3waocc&feature=relmfu
<i>Bear Creek May 2012</i>	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DT6az08MWW4&feature=relmfu

WE NEED HELP: VOLUNTEERS OR CASUAL WORKERS

Now that June is here trail building is has ramped up and **we need to get as many kilometres finished as we can** before the heat of the summer sets in, or fire conditions shut us out.

We have been extremely fortunate to have a few great volunteers step forward but need more people now so are looking for more volunteers or casual part time workers for Trail Crew work.

Volunteers can set their schedules (1 day a week- every 2 weeks- 1 day a month, etc), Casual Workers will need to be more firmly committed.

Please read the "Job Description" below and let us know, right away if you'd like to come onboard to help get our planned trails for this season done!

TRAIL CREW WORKER:

Earnings: ~\$15/hr (or Volunteer!)

- Generally work weekdays and are physically fit and comfortable with working in the outdoors in al conditions.
- Will do hand built single track and/or working behind the Sweco/Yanmar to do trail cleanup.
- Own transportation to Bear Creek required but some shared transport may be possible
- use of a Dirt bike is beneficial.
- Equipment operation experience is beneficial.



Let's get as much trail in this year as we can!

TRAIL NEWS

Phase 2 begins to come together!

Riders will start to notice more and more signposts going up in the area that is just off the border of the 424/5/4 area on the 2011 Maps. You'll find some recently built tight & twisty single track sections on Trail 5 that are now tying in with sections built last year. Trail 512 has recently been brushed out and will provide a great connector between Upper Bald Range Rd and Terrace Area. As well, there is new Dbl wide trail going up to the Riel Creek area from Jack Pine Rd.

Come out on Wednesday and let us show you around!

UPCOMING OTRA EVENTS



Wednesday Night "Over the Hump" rides

Wednesdays- weekly

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

5 pm: Short Guided loop for newer riders (if pre-arranged)

5:30/6:30 pm: Rides start (different level groups)

7-8:30pm: Complimentary Food (when sponsored) served around the Campfire.

June Food Sponsors (Thanks to each of them!):

June 6: Glendinning Insurance

June 13: Valley Moto Sport

June 20: FPS Fluid Power Solutions Inc.
(Longest Hump Ride of the Year)

June 27: Kelowna Yamaha & Inform Food Brokerage Inc

Food Sponsors and/or Chefs needed for the Fall!
Contact Ken if interested: 250-878-9111

Volunteer Trail Maintenance Sessions

Saturday June 16 (group session)

Meeting Time at: 9:30am

Where: at the Aspen Trailhead

We'll be doing brushing and/or single track trail building further back in the area. Crew cab, ATV or your own bike will be available for transportation.

Ideally we need 4 - 6 volunteers to make this session a go. Please RSVP to Carol Boyd right away if you are planning to come to a session so that we can do the proper planning or cancel.

carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com

or 250-878-0189

Weekday Volunteers needed!:

Can't make a weekend group session but would like to still help? or do you prefer weekdays and/or smaller groups? We could use your help in whichever type of trail interests you the most as we're building both single and double wide trails right now and could use some help weekdays.

Please contact Trevor Timmer and let him know you're available:

trevor.timmer@okanagantrailriders.com



IS PROUD TO SPONSOR AN ATV (Pledge) RIDE FOR DAD

First such ride in Western Canada

**FIGHTING
PROSTATE
CANCER**



Why join this fight?

Over 4300 men will die in Canada this year from the most common cancer in men. The proceeds raised here stay in the area to fund research and awareness.

June 24-2012

Come out and enjoy a guided fun day riding some of the best planned and maintained ATV trails in Western Canada.

The ride starts at 10.00 am with registration starting at 8.00 am.

Follow the signs off Westside road to Bear Creek OHV area Aspen trail head at Km 8.

Poker run, 50/50 draw and much more.

Pledge forms, OTRA membership or day use permit available at your favorite dealer or OTRA

Registration fee \$25.00 includes lunch at LaCasa overlooking Okanagan Lake



For more information contact Herb: globalsafety@shaw.ca

MEMBER RIDE

UTAH OFF ROAD OPPORTUNITY

Local rider, Peter Barnes, has been invited to join friends on their annual Paiute Trails ride in S.W.Utah. Peter has been told this is the best riding anywhere! Road legal not required

The trails are the most extensive in the U.S.A & range from A.T.V. to extreme single track up to 11000' elev. There is a range of riding abilities in the group.

Peter is looking for 1 (possibly more) riders to share driving & gas expenses. He's leaving June 15 or 16 and returning June 24 (or later?). He has a suitable pick-up.

Email Peter: barndoer@telus.net or call: 250-766-3928, if interested.



BCORMA NEWS!

You've likely noticed that **OTRA Gold Memberships** include a BCORMA trail pass. What does this mean/do for you?

While the Bear Creek OHV Sticker is currently the only "Trail Pass" recognized at Bear Creek (for practical as well as legal reasons), your BCORMA Trail Pass may provide access to other areas. Furthermore, there are many events across the province that are mandating a BCORMA trail pass as a requirement to participate in their event.

But the real benefit is realised by you becoming part of the "big picture". You are not only supporting your local riding area but you are also securing your voice as part of the provincial body representing off-road motorcyclists' interests.

As the newly appointed BCORMA relations director for OTRA, I, along with Terry Burke, attended the BCORMA Annual General Meeting in Merrit at the end of April. It was great to see all of the initiatives taking place like sustainable trail building being done at Chipmunk Creek in a similar fashion to what we have been doing at Bear Creek.

Bear Creek is serving as a model for other parks not only in BC but all over Canada. It's great to see what a top notch job we have accomplished here in the Okanagan can do to help other clubs accomplish the same goals. When this happens, we all win.

Just like OTRA, BCORMA is made up of all of you! Showing support and getting involved is the only way we will continue to reach the goals we've set for protecting and improving our riding areas in BC.

Here is a short blurb from BCORMA on what having a trail pass does for all of us: What is the BCORMA Trail Pass for?

- British Columbia has some of the best riding in the world
- We have a \$100 million of recreational infrastructure to maintain, with over 550,000 km of summer motorized dispersed riding, plus over 3,500 km of off-road motorcycle specific trails
- Our goal is to have the best Provincial trails network system in the world
- Issues around Trails
- Increasing environmental regulations
- Increasing impacts due to higher use and rider concentration on trail systems near the urban interface
- Demands from the riders for better facilities
- Need to maintain and use, or we will lose our trails to other industry and recreational interests

Solutions around Trails

All this takes upwards of a \$1,000,000 a year to build & maintain. We are asking each rider to invest at least \$45/yr into the trails.

- Can't expect Government or industry to do it all
- Industry and Government want to see partnerships
- Riders need to show they are doing their share

PROVINCIAL CONSERVATION OFFICERS (COs) UP THEIR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS!

There have been many reports of Conservation Officers being out in the areas these past few weekends.

At Bear Creek they were looking for illegal (non-insured) riding of the Forest Service Roads (FSRs- in our case Bear Main and Esperon) as well as checking for spark arrestors (required at Bear Creek) and riders with no Bear Creek OHV stickers. Several tickets and warnings were issued.

COs were also reported to be out in the Squamish Area enforcing the Mamquam FSR and giving warnings that Spark Arrestors will be checked for when the hazard goes up.

If you want more info on what BCORMA is up to you can visit their site at www.bcorma.ca

See you on the trails!

Marc Veinotte

OTRA BCORMA Director