

Okanagan TRAIL RIDERS Association



Meet your Exec!

Jason Wasylyk, President

Jason Wasylyk is an avid believer in the sport of off road motorcycle riding and racing for the benefits of personal, family and community health.



Jason was introduced to the sport 7 years ago by his wife's generous gift of a pair of dirtbikes for him and Mikhail, their 6 year old at the time son. Since then, all the Wasylyks (Jason, Renee and three kids) have become community minded riders who love to share the wonder of the Okanagan outdoors with each other and family friends. Amongst Jason's many personal (off road motorcycle racing), professional (dentistry) and family pursuits, he makes time to be involved with OTRA to preserve the privilege of families and friends riding together in the Okanagan for years to come.

Dubbed "Dr. Chasin" by his staff at the office, Jason is active in the BC racing scene having raced the local Okanagan Hare Scrambles Series for three consecutive seasons ('09 to '11) as well as select races of the Pacific Northwest Motorcycle Association Off Road Series, the BC Rounds of the Canadian Enduro Championships, and the AMA Endurocross series. Jason's goals are to stay young and vibrant in body and mind, to see a sustainable trail network at Bear Creek for his kids to enjoy with their kids (and him!), and to stand on the podium of the next race.

Exec Still Needed!

We still would like to add a Marketing/Publicity Director to the Executive. If you have these skills or interests, and would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact Jason Wasylyk:

jason.wasylyk@okanagantrailriders.com

Carol Boyd, Vice-President

Carol started riding late in life (at the age of 40) and her motto is, "I may not ride well but I can ride poorly for long distances".



Carol first joined the OTRA Exec in the fall of 2007 as the Memberships Director and after 2 years in that position she moved on to helping with the GPS tracking & mapping work required to get the OHV area underway and the trails on to the Concept Plan.

Carol's #1 goal is to help develop and protect user friendly riding trails (for all levels) in our area.

In addition to her work with OTRA, Carol is the "unofficial" President of the "Okanagan Dirt Bike Galz", having put together a web site (www.okdirtbikegalz.com) and more importantly, a friendly contact for new female riders in the area.

Executive

Jason Wasylyk: President [email](#)

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HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR 2011 MEMBERSHIP YET?

Memberships are: \$40 (Single), \$60 (Family)

Associate memberships: \$25/\$40 available to other BCORMA Club members. Contact Andy Jones: Memberships [email](#)

GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

<http://www.okanagantrailriders.com/members/index.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Wed. June 29 is the
Last Hump Ride
Until September!**

Date: Wednesday June 29

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

5:00 pm: Short Guided loop for newer riders **if pre-arranged**. Contact Carol @ 250-878-0189 or carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com

6 pm: Rides start (different level groups)

7-8:30pm: Complimentary Food & Beverages (non-Alcoholic) served around the Campfire.

Thanks to the OK Dirtbike Galz, Kelowna Yamaha, Honda Powerhouse Kelowna, Ken Umbarger & Trades Labour Corp. for donating the well appreciated post riding food for the previous "Over the Hump" rides!

Wed June 29th Food will be supplied by:
Jacques Ledoux & FPS Fluid Power Solutions Inc.



KIDS DIRT BIKE FUN DAY!

Sunday July 17 at the Aspen Trailhead

We'll start the day off with a Kids' Dirt Bike Riding Tips & Skills session followed up by a free BBQ. For more fun after lunch, we've laid out a Kid's riding course full of obstacles, goofy activities and good fun! All this will happen in our new Kid's area at the Aspen Trailhead. Candy & treats will be a part of the fun!

9 – 10am: Registration (activities are free) but please [email Carol](mailto:carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com) if you'd like your child to attend so we have an idea of numbers!

9 – Noon: Swap Meet! Bring a table or tailgate it but sell/trade/give away your old stuff!

Complimentary Sound / Spark Arrestor testing.

10-11:30am: Kid's Dirt Bike Riding Tips & Skills Session led by expert Rider Mike Fetterer, SODBC

11:30 – 1: Free BBQ sponsored by Kal Tire Westside & Inform Food Brokerage

12:30–2:30 pm: Kid's Obstacle/Activities Course.

If you can spare a few hours to help with the Kids Obstacle course stations we can use your help! Email Carol at: carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com or call: 250-878-0189

BEAR CREEK TRAIL NEWS SHORTS!

Aspen Trailhead Update



Goodbye Dust!

Fill has been finally been put down on the existing parking lot surface which will go a long way to keeping the dust down! Thanks to Jeff Austin and Western Canada Limestone for a great job!

It'll take a little while to pack down so, in the meanwhile, watch out for bumps!

TR206 is open for business!

This new trail is located in the upper pits just above the Quarry and runs between trail 2061/2062 & Trail 205 so is an excellent choice to get you back deeper into the upper pit riding trail system.

It's signed as a green single track trail but has some of the tighter, twistier characteristics as a blue trail. Give it a try for yourself!

Work in Progress

A new Sgl Track Learner Loop is being added adjacent to the existing Dbl Track loop in the Aspen Trailhead area. Give Trevor & Terry a few more days to complete and for the work to settle and then take your new friends out for a scoot!

Bear Creek Main Graded!

For those of you have had the *pleasure* of driving Bear Main in the past several weeks you, and your vehicle, will be extremely pleased to know that it's in the process of being graded!!

Thanks to Burnco & Tolko for making our travels more enjoyable!

2011 Trail Map Edition & New Kiosk

As trails are constantly being built and opened, Trail maps constantly need to be redone. The newest version is currently being printed and will be out shortly! We look forward to having them displayed on our new Kiosk being supplied by Recreation Sites & Trails BC



SPONSORSHIP / DONATION OPPORTUNITIES!

We have a few projects that we'd like to get underway and could use your help with. Any funds that we can bring in from outside Bear Creek's limited budget goes a long way towards providing funds for the actual job of trail building/development. If interested in getting involved with Sponsoring or donating funds towards a project please contact Carol Boyd: carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com

LOADING RAMP AT ASPEN TRAILHEAD

Cost: \$800-\$1000 (with Volunteer labour)

Ok, maybe you guys have no problem unloading but many of us Galz do! The original reports we received said that loading ramps are underused in many areas but we say that those areas don't have the same riding gender demographics as we have here in the Okanagan. We looked at concrete block but it was too expensive and so we're leaning towards timber.



FOLDING / SCABBARD SAWS WITH LOGOS

Cost: \$500 - \$1000



We need to get more people helping out with the minor maintenance on the trails! So many times it's simply a case of just stopping to trim back some brush or cut a log that is down on a trail that isn't meant for that level of difficulty. The more people we can get carrying/using small saws, the better.

We've found 2 different saws that are good quality products. One is a lightweight folding saw and the other is a scabbard saw that fits behind your number plate/headlight. We've added Bear Creek Logos on them but they could also be logo'd by the sponsor. Some saws would be given to volunteers and others would be sold to members at cost (~\$20)

Thanks to this Month's Bear Creek Project Sponsors!

Recently, Terry Burke approached Shaun at **Omega Communications** to assess our current communications (or lack of) at Bear. The staff at Omega were very friendly, professional, and helpful in determining the best approach for our unique Bear Creek Area. With the safety of our workers foremost in their minds, we were quickly set up with VHF portable radios and a portable mobile unit that can be used in our truck or any vehicle with accessory power. We were then provided a couple of Omega frequencies to use until our own channel is granted by Industry Canada. Thanks Omega!



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



VOLUNTEER PROJECTS / TASKS

While some of these items may seem minor your help is much appreciated as it's one less thing for the trail crew to deal with. Just take a few minutes on your ride and help out. It makes a difference!

ROCK PICKING

The north end of Trail #1 Dbl Track (Terrace Main to Trail # 37) has quite a few loose rocks on it. While this might not be a problem

RIBBON

Anytime you see ribbon or arrows on a current trail we invite you to take these down. There are less and less of these as the years go on but these old remnants from past races still are in some areas.

ASPEN TRAILHEAD CLEANUP

The Aspen Trailhead still has many piles of debris around so please help out by burning some along with your larger wood, if having a campfire at the sites.



Need an excuse to go riding? Volunteers needed: Bear Creek Volunteer Trail Ranger Program

Need an excuse to go riding? How about riding and helping to protect everyone's hard work along with the safety of fellow riders both big & small? Most of all you could ride and help to ensure we keep our privilege of riding at the best dirt bike park in Canada. Sounds like a good deal to me.

OTRA is currently seeking volunteers for the 2011 Bear Creek Volunteer Trail Ranger Program. We are building a list of interested parties and candidates who wish to participate in the Trail Ranger Education Training Program this summer. Our OHV Consultant Dick Dufourd from RecConnect LLC will be performing this year's Trail Ranger Education training in July.

We are also seeking volunteers to participate in some ride-a-long patrols and trail user education with already trained Patrolers like Terry Burke and our new Camp Host Kevin Bentley. For those of you who don't know Terry, like many of us he spends countless hours working hard and volunteering to make Bear Creek the best riding park in Canada. If he isn't cleaning trail, picking up supplies, negotiating a deal on our behalf or building and maintaining our trail network, you'll likely find him riding around helping those in need and educating the rest of us who need a little guidance. To help bridge the gap between where we are now and where we need to be requires a little bit of rider education, a little explanation of the rules and a little bit of help from you!

We'd also like to welcome the newest addition to the OTRA family- our Camp Host Kevin Bentley. Some of you may have already met Kevin up at the hill. Kevin will be on site to welcome guests, educate riders, answer questions about the riding area, perform sound checks, help log data and report damages amongst other things.

There are still plenty of off-peak times where volunteers like you are needed to lend a helping hand. Can you spare a few hours a month, how about a few hours per riding season?

Why not join Terry and Kevin in helping us educate our fellow riders (new or old) on how we can keep our trails safe for everyone and keep them open for years to come.

We'd love to have you come on out and see what it's all about. If you are interested in learning more please contact Marc Veinotte at marc.veinotte@okanagantrailriders.com for more information.

