

Okanagan

TRAIL RIDERS



Association

SPRING 2012

Meet your new Bear Creek Site Host !

David Horkoff

OTRA is excited to have subcontracted Dave Horkoff to act as our Bear Creek OHV Site host this summer. Dave's role will be to meet and greet people, give out information on the trails, sell Trail passes and educate people on the fact that they are in a managed area and therefore need to conform to the basic sound, spark arrestor and trail safety rules.



Dave was born and raised in the Glenmore valley and started riding dirt bikes at a very young age. The Kawasaki 75MT, the Honda XL75, and the Can-Am 250 Qualifier all bring back fond memories. Not quite fond enough to think about trading his modern dirt bike for any of them, but they were great for a young man exploring the undeveloped areas in his neighbourhood. That was back in a different time, when there were miles of trails accessible from his family's farm property.

Over the past 30 years those riding areas have been transformed. Dilworth Mountain was once a refuge for off-road motorcycle enthusiasts, a place where young Kelowna riders could escape and blow off some energy. On the west side of the Glenmore Valley, the Wilden Housing development has replaced some of the most extensive and interesting off-road trails that ever existed close to downtown Kelowna. These developments have reinforced Dave's belief that off-road vehicle recreation areas need to be both preserved and enhanced.

Dave took a break from trail riding for a few years, trading the knobby tires and exhilarating trails for dodging inattentive vehicle drivers on his street bike. The incredible trails at the Bear Creek OHV site were one of his first explorations upon returning to off-road riding. The intelligently designed and maintained area impressed him as a precious gift to those who share his interests. He is looking forward to being involved in the operations at Bear Creek.

Be sure to introduce yourself and say "Hi!" when you visit the area!

2012 Memberships

Early Bird Draw!

Buy your 2012 membership before Apr 15/2012 and be entered to win a \$100 Gift Certificate at Kelowna Yamaha, Kelowna Honda Powerhouse or Valley Moto Sport!

Memberships are inexpensive:

Single: \$50

Secondary adult membership: \$30

Youth under 19: \$10 each

Upgrade to an "OTRA Gold Membership" for \$20 additional per family and receive a BCORMA Trail Pass and 2 Bear Creek Day Pass vouchers to use for your guests! Members will receive a \$20 discount off their 2013 membership for performing 4 hours of volunteering to the OTRA

Membership 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. Without your support we can't accomplish all that needs to be done. If you ride it, support it please! All 2012 memberships include an unlimited Bear Creek OHV Trail Pass!

Memberships are based on a calendar year Jan 1 - Dec 31. Any membership added to the primary membership must be a person related to the primary member and living in the same household. **Prices are unlikely to change but are subject to approval at the AGM. Lock in your price now by buying right away.**

PURCHASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE AT:

www.okanagantrailriders.com/members/

Or fill out the Membership on the last page of this newsletter and mail in.

For more information, Contact Andy Jones:

Andy.Jones@okanagantrailriders.com

**PURCHASE YOUR
2012 MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**

Upcoming AGM & Elections !

OTRA and Bear Creek need your help!

A project like Bear Creek can't be achieved or maintained without people taking on leadership roles as Directors or Event Leaders. More importantly, several Directors are needed so that volunteer loads are reasonable and achievable for each Director. While Directors would have a specific role their overall role is to work with the Club as a whole.

While we're all busy, it's an important to help the Club and without Director support we won't be able to move forward each year. We hope you'll consider taking on a role and helping with the 2012 season! Please submit your name, email and position of interest by Thursday April 5th to Carol Boyd at: carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com

Names of those who have already come forward will be announced prior to the April 10 AGM.

All positions are open this year as a few positions are currently done by a different Director or a current Director would either like to step down, have assistance with their role or take on different roles. For more in depth information on a Position please email Carol Boyd carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com

OTRA AGM

Tues. Apr 10

at: the Army and Navy Club
270 Dougall Rd N, Rutland

[Mapquest Location](#)

Greet/Refreshments @ 6:00 PM

Meeting: 7 -8:30/9 pm

Please submit your nomination or expression of interest for a Director position or to assist with an event Tuesday Apr 3 to Carol Boyd ([email](#)), however nominations will be accepted right up to prior to the election.

We need your help to continue!

Director positions to be filled and the roles they "ideally" assume:

(*denotes required positions as per our Society Bylaws)

- ***President:** chairs OTRA meetings, responds to inquiries from the Public website link, assists the Executive with establishing vision and priorities for the operations of the Club.
- ***Vice President:** assists the President with their role and fill-in during their absence/unavailability. Review Financial statements prior to Club Meetings.
- ***Treasurer:** carries out, or oversees (if an accountant or other is involved) all financial requirements for the Club. Presents monthly records to the Vice-President or President and at all regular meetings.
- ***Secretary:** takes minutes at all meetings and submits to the Executive. Maintains the Club records of all past meetings as well as main documents.
- ***Memberships Director:** carries out all the tasks required for the sale, recording and provision of memberships for the Club. May also lead promotional opportunities.
- Website Communications: maintains content on website as well as all website databases,
- Marketing & Publicity: finds way to promote Bear Creek and OTRA. Puts together information to go out to the newspaper and to the website Communications Director. Creates any newsletters.
- Land Use Director: acts as a liaison with the Ministry of Forests Recreation Officer (Site Manager), BCORMA and other Stakeholder groups.
- Social Director: assists with arrangements for food at Club events.
- ATV Relations Director: acts as a liaison and advisor for ATV users at Bear Creek and may promote activities.
- Fundraising & Grants Director: looks for opportunities for Fundraising and/or Grants and then leads/carries out the processes involved for any applications.
- Race Director: acts as a liaison with the racing community
- Volunteers Director: recruits and schedules volunteers for OTRA activities and tracks their hours

Event Coordinator / Helper Positions:

- "Over The Hump Rides" Coordinator(s): arranges for advertising, Food Sponsors and/or Cooks, and site setup for weekly rides.
- "Family Fun Day" Coordinator(s): arranges for advertising, Sponsors, site setup and activities.
- "Thanksgiving Poker Run": arranges for advertising, Sponsors, site setup and activities.

Helpers are needed to volunteer to assist Coordinator with portions of the overall organization or with "day of event" assistance. Both the Family Fun Day and Poker Run will rely on many "Day of Event" volunteers.

Bear Creek OHV Trail Pass

When the Bear Creek OHV project first commenced, the eventual funding for the day to day expenses, and minor/major capital improvements for the area, were planned to have come from two probable future sources: 1) Trail Pass sales from an OHV Provincial Organization (BCORMA) and/or, 2) a portion of the proposed BC OHV Registration Fees (policy implementation still in process). Neither of these sources has proved to be a legal/financial reality at this time, much to the frustration of those working to make those 2 systems the perfect support system for all Riding Areas in B.C. OTRA knew that a reduction in funding from Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) would occur in 2012, with no further funding guaranteed past the fall of 2012 as RSTBC is unable to focus on one project for overly long. In the Fall of 2011 OTRA made application to BC Gaming. While we knew it was a long shot we were, nonetheless, very disappointed to be advised that the reason we weren't eligible is that "the Branch does not provide funding for motorized sport organizations". Clarification on this rationale is being requested but the reality is that no funding will be forthcoming.

As the "model" project for Managed OHV use, all services and capital development at Bear Creek have been of the highest standards so that we could be viewed as the potential ideal standard for development of future Trail Systems in the Province and Canada. While this is admirable it has also meant that development has not gone as quickly as we all naively envisioned it would when first begun. The area still requires much further infrastructure development before our current funding from Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) is concluded. Current Club revenue sources cannot meet the ideal operational needs so OTRA has been urged to work toward other, more permanent sources of funding, such as a Bear Creek OHV Trail Pass.

For 2012 a Trail Pass will likely be implemented for those who use the area, much along the lines of other Recreation Sites in the Okanagan Valley. While OTRA would certainly prefer to not have to implement a pass the reality is that Club Funds will never be able to meet the standards aimed for, or required, at Bear Creek. Any future Bear Creek Trail Passes would automatically be included in OTRA Memberships and a proposed \$10 Day Pass would be available at the Area. Final details are being worked on with probable implementation to be in place by May long weekend. More details will be sent out in the next few months.

We appreciate your future support of the new system and realize that some may not recognize the value for themselves but hopefully will recognize the value in having at least one area in the Valley that is geared to those who would like to have a more family and user-friendly experience while riding.



BCORMA NEWS!

KTM OFF-ROAD SUPPORT PROGRAM

KTM Canada is proud to introduce the 'KTM Off-Road Support Program' in 2012. This exciting new project helps drive more money to where we need it most: to the federations who are working hard to conserve and develop new riding areas, improve government spending for trail services and make sure the off-road voice is being heard

How does the KTM Off-Road Support Program work?

1. Print off the coupon on the KTM website at:
<http://www.ktm.com/ca-en/news-events/news/all/details/news/detail/News/ktm-off-road-support-program.html>
2. Fill it out with the appropriate information, including the local riding club and/or federation you support, and then drop it off at your local KTM dealer.
3. **For each coupon received, KTM will donate \$10 to the one British Columbia Off-Road Motorcycle Association (BCORMA)**

Offer ends May 15, 2012 !

Early Season Riding Downfalls!

Riding season will be starting soon and that means that we need to get in to clear out the deadfall that will be on the trails. The longer the deadfall stays down, the more likely it is that riders will destroy the integrity of a trail by bypassing the deadfall, rather than by being a part of the solution and clearing it away! Please be a responsible rider and carry a saw with you and do your part by clearing trees of every ride you do, rather than bypassing them all.



Come out to one of our clearing sessions (see next page) to get a chance at receiving an OTRA saw!

UPCOMING OTRA EVENTS



Wednesday Night "Over the Hump" rides

Wednesdays: Starting May 2
 Meet at: Aspen Trailhead (~1 km past the old Pits)
 5 pm: Short Guided loop for newer riders (if pre-arranged)
 6 pm: Rides start (different level groups)
 7-8:30pm: Complimentary Food/Beverages (when sponsored)
 served around the Campfire.

Food Sponsors needed!
Contact Carol if interested: 250-878-0189

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Volunteer Trail Maintenance Sessions

1) Saturday April 14 (group session)

2) Sunday Apr 22: (group session)

Meeting Time at: 9:30am

Where: at the Aspen Trailhead

We'll ride/ATV or walk the lower pit trails and clear away the deadfall.

Please RSVP to Carol Boyd if you are planning to come to a session so that we have an idea of numbers, or for more information

carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com

or 250-878-0189

One OTRA Hand Saw will be given out at each Group session to a lucky draw winner!

Weekdays: April 10 - 20 (weather dependant)

Can't make a group session but would like to still help, or prefer weekdays and/or smaller groups? Trevor Timer, our Trail Crew Leader, will be going out on weekdays starting April 10th and can use some help. Please contact Carol & let her know if you make yourself available



UPCOMING OKANAGAN VALLEY EVENTS

CREAKY BONES
 SPRING OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE FUN RUN
 SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 2012

A/B & BEGINNER LOOPS

1000-1500
 FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

COST:
 \$45 includes
 SODBC Membership
 BCORMA Trail Pass
 (Children under 18 are FREE with a paid entry)

GREAT PRIZES!
 CONCESSION ON SITE

Sign Up: 9:00am - 10:00am. **RIDE @** 11am-2pm
LOCATION: OKANAGAN FALLS
 HEAD SOUTH ON EASTSIDE ROAD FROM PENTICTON
 TURN LEFT ON MCLEAN CREEK ROAD
 TURN LEFT ON ALLENDALE LAKE ROAD
 FOLLOW ARROWS FOR 2.5km TO PARKING.

BCORMA
 BRITISH COLUMBIA
 OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION
 www.bcorms.ca

OFFROAD DIRT BIKE RIDING SCHOOL
 Okanagan Falls April 14th

CONTENT: Bike setup, body positioning, throttle control, acceleration, braking, cornering, hill climbs and descents, reading terrain for line choice, and recovery.

START TIMES: 10AM-12PM - NOVICE CLASS, LUNCH BREAK, 1PM - 4PM ADVANCED CLASS

IF YOU LIKE, USE WHAT YOU LEARNED IN THE MORNING, FOR THE AFTERNOON CLASS.

SKILLS LEVEL	BCORMA TRAIL PASS (\$25)	SODBC MEMBERSHIP (\$20)
17 years and younger	\$80/Person	\$100/Person
Adults	\$100/Person	\$120/Person

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 888-333-484-4243

OHSS RACING

returns to Bear Creek
 Sunday June 3, 2012

Volunteers will be needed for a variety of pre-event, during event and post event work.

contact Jenn Halas if you can help out
j_hal@hotmail.com

For more info on OHSS go to their website at:
www.ohssracing.com

Okanagan Hare Scrambles Series

2012 OTRA Membership Form

The bikes used by the individuals applying for this membership must meet the following requirements:
96 db OR LESS & HAVE A SPARK ARRESTER

MEMBERSHIP COSTS:

Primary Member: \$50, Secondary Adult Member: \$30, Children (under 19): \$10 each

* Memberships include Bear Creek OHV Annual pass *

PRIMARY MEMBER NAME: Note- a primary member is required on all memberships

Last: _____ First: _____

SECONDARY ADULT MEMBER NAME: must be related and reside in the same household as the primary member

Last: _____ First: _____

CHILDREN MEMBER NAME(S): must be related and reside in the same household as the primary member

Last: _____ First: _____

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OTRA MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: \$ _____

Upgrade to a OTRA Gold Membership!(\$20 add'l) \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____



www.bcorma.com

OTRA Gold Memberships include a BCORMA Trail Pass!

Address: _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____

Postal Code: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Mail this form, along with your cheque (made payable to Okanagan Trail Riders Association) to: Okanagan Trail Riders Memberships 509 Filuk Court, Kelowna, BC V1X 6E8
 Memberships can also be purchased online

For more information, visit us at: www.okanagantrailriders.com