

FALL 2007 NEWSLETTER

RecConnect is a team of experts who are committed to providing high-quality recreation trails and facilities. Specializing in OHV trails and OHV consulting, they believe in maintaining access for the public, multiple use, and resource protection. With their extensive experience, they help clients produce outstanding projects by assisting them in planning, location, design, and / or construction. They also provide training and technology transfer that gives their clients the tools they need to understand what needs to be done and how to successfully do it.

Dick Dufourd with RecConnect, LLC, has been working with the OTRA President, Ken Umbarger, for the last year and a half assisting OTRA in the vision of having a managed trail network in Bear Creek. Dick and Joani Dufourd are off-highway vehicle consultants that work internationally creating trails, trail systems and presenting tools to manage motorcycle and ATV use. This spring Dick and Ken developed a broad-based budget and a list of priorities that Ken then took to the Integrated Land Management Bureau for approval. After OTRA received the grant. RecConnect was called up to Kelowna for their initial visit in June 2007.

They did a fact finding trip, met with various stakeholders, attended their first ILMB meeting and familiarized them selves with the Bear Creek area. RecConnect conducted a workshop and fieldtrip in July which was the first stage in educating and informing the off-highway vehicle community and other stakeholders about managing OHV use. RecConnect then attended a meeting for the formation of the Planning Committee where they presented a brief overview in a power point presentation to share OHV management concepts with the group. The next day Dick and Joani were part of a work party and did some field assessment of the work Lakeview Irrigation District commenced after the rain storms that impacted Bear Creek and increased the LID's concern about the community drinking water supply.



Effective signing is one of our specialties.



Simple barriers and signing can be very effective in controlling and directing the use.



INNOVATIVE
MOTOR SPORTS



KELOWNA YAMAHA



Valley Moto Sport Kelowna, BC 



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Dick and Joani have been very excited about the opportunities and challenges of working on the first managed and designated trail system in British Columbia and feel there is potential to make it world class. RecConnect hopes to have an OTRA strategic committee set up to facilitate and develop the rider's vision as well.

The interim planning strategy will be to set up rehabilitation, education and possible signage and initial trail development and secure additional funding the project. Midterm plans will be to develop a larger scale trail and facility plan to present to the planning committee for approval. The long term goal will be to implement the approved plan and help OTRA and MTSA develop a successful OHV management program. They can be reached at www.RecConnect.biz.

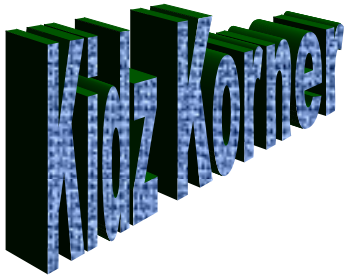
OFF ROAD DIRT BIKE RIDING CLINIC

DATE: Sunday, October 28, 2007
LOCATION: Lower 8 km Pits off Bear Lake Main Road
CONTENT: Bike & Body Set Up * Braking * Hill Climbs & Descents * Cornering * Obstacles * Adjusting Riding Styles to Conditions
INSTRUCTORS: Mark Cahill / Ian McKill / Jamie Skinner
START TIMES: 9:30 am to 10:15 am – Late Registration (space permitting)
10:30 am – 12:00 pm – Small Wheel
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm – Lunch Break
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Big Wheel

CLINIC COSTS	OTRA Member	NON OTRA Member
Children – 12 years & under	\$25.00 per person	\$40.00 per person
Teenagers – 13 to 18 years	\$30.00 per person	\$45.00 per person
Adults	\$40.00 per person	\$55.00 per person

OTRA Memberships are available online at www.okanagantrailriders.com and will also be sold the day of the event. \$20.00 per person or \$40.00 per family.

Please note that registration for this event will be sold on a “first come, first serve” basis until classes are full. You may register in advance via email to Adrian at Adrian@okanagantrailriders.com or by phone at 250.707.0861 evenings / weekends. Please include for each family member: name, age, address, phone number, riding ability (beginner or intermediate) and type of dirt bike. Please make cheques payable to “Okanagan Trail Riders Association” c/o Adrian van Nieuwkerk at 2470 Alexandria Way, Westbank, BC V4T 1T7. Assuming there will be spots available, we will also be taking registration at the clinic on the day of the event 9:30 to 10:15 am.



Brandon McClelland



My bike: 2006 Kawasaki KX 65
My first bike: Yamaha PW 50
Years riding: 4 years
Age: 9
City: Kelowna
Favorite Place to ride: Bear Creek
Worst Wipe Out: Hitting a big rock with my PW50
Future Career Plans: Be a pro dirt biker
Favorite Food: Mashed potatoes
Biggest Challenge: Jumping logs
Perfect Day: Dirt biking all day
Proudest Moment: Getting my brand new KX 65



Bear Creek Design and Implementation Team

At the last general meeting of the Okanagan Trail Riders Association, a ***Bear Creek Design and Implementation Team*** was formed consisting of 8 club members and Dick and Joani Duford. The purpose of this group is to “design and implement” a long range plan for the Bear Creek area. This group will be looking for input from local riding enthusiasts.

OTRA members can “stay in the loop” and be up to date on this topic by visiting the “Forum” section of the www.okanagantrailriders.com website.

There are 3 more meetings planned before the end of September, so keep an eye on the forum to see ‘what’s happening’ in the Bear Creek area. You may be called upon for your input into the future of the area.

Just a reminder that memberships can be purchased for only \$20 - Individual Membership or \$40 – Family Membership; on line at www.okanagantrailriders.com or at any OTRA event.

Okanagan Trail Riders Association (OTRA) memberships provide you with: club newsletters and updates, club activities, club event discounts, discounts at most dealers, and the opportunity to meet other riders and a chance to provide input on the future of off road racing. Come join us as we need your support!!

Please contact Carol Boyd at carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com if you have any questions.

OTRA Rider Bio

Kyle McClelland

My bike:	2007 Yamaha YZ 250
My first bike:	1998 Suzuki DS 80
Years riding:	4
City:	Kelowna
Why did you join OTRA:	I joined the OTRA because I love riding at Bear Creek and I didn't want it to close down to dirt bikers That they saved Bear Creek and are going to make it even better then it is now
Best thing about OTRA:	
Favorite Place to ride:	Bear Creek
Worst Wipe Out:	When I broke my foot dirt biking
Childhood Ambition:	<i>He left this section blank..., what????</i>
Favorite Food:	Pepperoni Pizza
Biggest Challenge:	Jumping big logs
Perfect Day:	Riding all day with Chad Reed
When you're not riding:	I am at school or working at Kelowna Yamaha
Married / Single:	Single
Latest Add On:	IMS oversize fuel tank
What bugs you:	If I don't get first place in all my races



GPS'ing of Bear Creek Trails

Terry Burke is heading up the GPS project in the Bear Creek riding area that is being funded by BCORMA with a grant from COHV. Here are a few facts:

- 1,500 km's of trails will be GPS'd.
- 10 geographic areas of the Province will be mapped.
- 8 Incorporated clubs will be participating.
- A training course will be held in Vancouver on Sept 8th
- Data will be collected to a standard that will meet government standards.
- BCORMA and a private contractor will review all data collected which will be submitted to the government.
- After review by all agencies and approved, data will reside on the recreation layer of the Government database.
- Eventually people will be able to view different areas of the province and print maps and download track data for their GPS units.
- Trails on government maps will add credibility to our sport and help to preserve riding areas.
- Riders will be able to ride other areas in the Province with the help of a map and GPS tracks.

Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Terry at "terry.burke@okanagantrailriders.com" if you can assist with this project.



A long overdue "thank you" goes out to Barry Wellings and his team at **Valley Moto Sport** for their generous contribution to the Ogopogo Race held on the May long weekend. Valley Moto Sport went above and beyond in contributing t-shirts and trophies for this event.

Thanks - Valley Moto Sport!

Reminder: due to various logistical reasons, we have cancelled this year's **Alf Klassen Poker Run** (scheduled for September 30th).

BUY & SELL.....,

Please email ANYTHING (almost!) that you want to buy or sell to "wendy.dyck@okanagantrailriders.com"

FOR SALE

2001 Kawasaki KX85
Excellent Condition. Low hours.
Never raced or crashed.
Babied by timid rider.
\$2350 OBO
Ph: Adrian @ 250.707.0861

FOR SALE

1985 Kawasaki KDX 200
Superb condition, looks 3 years old
not 22!
Fat bars, new tires & grips.
Recently serviced. Usually starts on
the first kick.
\$1,650 OBO
Ph: Adrian @ 250.707.0861

WANTED TO BUY

Good used Yamaha TTR 230
2006 or newer.
Ph: Adrian @ 250.707.0861

FOR SALE

FOR SALE

2002 KTM EXC 200
Excellent condition, extra
plastics.
\$4,000 OBO
Ph: Todd @ 250.878.3006

*It's kinda dirty but, that's it to
the right!
(The rider is not for sale!)*



THE OTRA NEEDS DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS, SPECIFICALLY, A TREASURER. IF YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE (or even if you don't), PLEASE EMAIL CAROL BOYD AT carol.boyd@okanagantrailriders.com.

IT'S TIME FOR FRANK'S ANNUAL COLVILLE, WASHINGTON RIDING TRIP

THE RIDE

Those who have been and are returning will vouch, this is dirt bike heaven for those who enjoy flowing single track. There is approximately 160 km's of designated trails within this riding park. Great flow, great on the pegs riding, super scenery and great vistas from various peaks. License plate is not required but can be advantageous for extra rides.

BEAVER LAKE LODGE – THE FACILITIES

There are 10 cabins, roughly 40 camping / RV sites. At the time of writing, all of the cabins have been reserved by people from last years ride; however, there is a good number of the camp / RV sites that are still available. There is a gas station, small general store and restaurant / bar with a pool table. Trails and riding originate from the cabins / campsites.



THE PLAN

Arrive sometime Thursday evening and take in the welcome reception. Big breakfast and then day of riding Friday, back for a lunch break and ride again (or relax). Big dinner Friday night and then communal bonfire / socializing. The process is repeated on Saturday however, this year Beaver Lake Lodge will be doing a dinner for us. Big breakfast Sunday morning and the option of riding or a leisurely pack up, some good conversation and head back home.



COSTS

Cabins: \$60 / night x 3 nights = \$180 (apprx \$45 per person)
Campsites: \$20 / night x 3 = \$60 (apprx \$15 per person)
Food: 7 meals = \$60 (3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners)

- ➔ Total per person, (includes cabins and meals) = \$105 - \$120, based on 3 – 4 people per cabin.
- ➔ Total per person campsite and meals = \$75 / \$80 based on 3 – 4 people per campsite.



If you are planning on camping, please make a reservation directly with Beaver Lake Lodge by calling (509) 684-5657.

Campers: you must contact Frank and advise if you want to be on “Frank’s Meal Plan”

NOTES

This is a fun event and open to all riders, dirt bike guys, dirt bike galz and families.

QUESTIONS

Contact Frank (preferably by email) at frank@wrim.com or call (250) 491-7887 (days) and (250) 212-8999 (evenings). Look forward to seeing the old familiar as well as new faces!!