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## An Open Letter to PaOHV's Membership

*by Dick Lepley, Executive Director*

I recently took on the role of Executive Director of PAOHV and thought it important to tell you who I am, and what my vision is for our State Association for the next three years. But, before doing that, I want to thank Denny Mann for the great job he did as my predecessor. Denny is a dedicated, informed enthusiast and has a keen understanding of motorized recreation. I look forward to working with him in the future and appreciate the dedication, experience, and skills he continues to bring to our organization.

Now...about me. I was born in 1944, and I tell people I can't remember ever not wanting to ride a motorcycle. I left home in 1963 for two reasons...a job opportunity and to buy a new motorcycle. The Honda 305 Superhawk had the highest priority, but I needed the job to pay for it. At any rate, I've been riding ever since.

My wife Joanne and I opened Street Track 'N Trail, Inc. in Conneaut Lake, Pa. in an abandoned gas station in 1968. We currently employ fifty-five people, and proudly represent Harley-Davidson, Yamaha, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Polaris, Kymco, and Honda cars, bikes, ATV's, and selected Power Equipment.

I'm a Life Member of the AMA and the NRA. I am the Pennsylvania Partner for the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), am a corporate board member of the Meadville Medical Center and served on the board of the Blue Ribbon Coalition. I have twice provided testimony at CPSC hearings on ATV's on behalf of the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) and NOHVCC. I was the sole dealer representative asked to participate in the recent update of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) guidelines for ATV's.

It seems the things I enjoy most like motorized recreation and shooting are always under assault, and that's why I'm deeply committed to the PAOHV mission. Our organization has accomplished a great deal, and our credibility continues to grow both regionally and nationally. We are in an excellent position to take the next step.

Those of you who know me have probably heard me refer to the PAOHV Power Pyramid and the Pa. Access Army. This is how the two work. The base of the Pyramid is the motorized enthusiasts...the hundreds of thousands of riders who populate the Keystone State. Next in line are our faithful corporate members...dealers, industry folks, and those who understand the value of motorized recreation. Next in the queue are legislators and others in government who realize our right to responsible access. They are followed by PAOHV. Now, what do we do with the Pyramid? We extend the tip a bit, and turn it into a funnel. We turn it upside down, pour it out, and show the combined power of the Pa. Access Army. A "coalition" of motorized users of all types...including legislators, and communities who understand the economic value of organized trail systems, and who want people to stay in, or come to Pennsylvania instead of traveling to neighboring States and beyond to spend their time and money.

My position as Executive Director spans the next three years, and I hope the PAOHV that emerges on the other side of my tenure gives motorized recreation in Pennsylvania the recognition it has long deserved. Those against us are well financed, and the current political climate is in their favor, but they are wrong, and we must take control of our destiny. I cannot do it alone, and neither can you. I need your help. We must work together.

I ask you to understand the issues...step into the Pyramid...join the Army...and insist that those around you join us to help win the fight. It's very simple...we either ride together...or we walk alone. The choice is yours.

Dick

P.S. I have already enjoyed hearing from a number of our members, and I'm keenly interested in corresponding with anyone who has an interest in, and ideas concerning forward momentum for our sport. Feel free to contact me at [dicklepley@gmail.com](mailto:dicklepley@gmail.com), or call me at 814-573-3090.

## Lepley, Babusci, Williamson Elected to PaOHV's Board

Dick Lepley was elected on April 10 as PaOHV's new Executive Director at the PaOHV general membership/board meeting. Mike Babusci was re-elected Assistant Director. Both gentlemen were the sole seekers of the respective offices.

Mr. Lepley, of Conneaut Lake, has served a year as the Association's Public Affairs Director. An election will be held to fill Mr. Lepley's unexpired position will take place soon.

Mr. Lepley is the President of Street Track 'n Trail in Conneaut Lake. He has a 40 year track record of successfully advocating for off highway vehicle recreation including a stint as a board member of the Blue Ribbon Coalition.

Mr. Babusci is one of PaOHV's founding members. He is an engineer and OHV enthusiast. Mr. Babusci is serving a second term as Assistant Director.

In other news, Lee Williamson of Johnstown has been elected Finance Director filling the unexpired term held by Dave Marchese. Mr. Williamson owns the Williamson Insurance Agency in Johnstown. One year remains in the term.

## Exempt Organizations Could Lose Status in 2010

A tax exempt organization that does not file its required annual information form 990 for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. 2009 was the third year that the law has been in effect and many exempt organizations which have failed to file during that period will have their exempt status revoked this year.

Organizations expected to lose exempt status are small organizations with gross receipts under \$25,000 per year and were formerly not required to file Form 990. If an organization failed to file for 2007 and 2008, it is imperative that a 990-N be filed for 2009 by May 15, 2010 or revocation may apply. Organizations which missed this deadline are urged to file as quickly as possible.

In order for an organization to regain its tax-exemption, it must re-apply for IRS recognition of exemption and pay the appropriate fees.



## PaOHV News Briefs

- House Resolution 572 sponsored by Representative Mike Hanna (D-Lock Haven) has been reported out of committee. His resolution urges "Congress of the United States to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to exclude youth all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and snowmobiles from the lead-limit requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Act." Full action by the House is pending.
- The PaOHV board will meet in July in Northumberland County.
- New Executive Director, Dick Lepley, is in process of laying the groundwork for his tenure as the Association's leader. He will be focusing on building PaOHV's membership, visibility, and partnerships.
- PaOHV offers special thanks to outgoing Executive Director Denny Mann who devoted countless hours to OHV recreation during his term. Thanks Denny for tanking PaOHV to a new level!

## PaOHV Welcomes the 2010 New and Returning Corporate Members

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# PaOHV Welcomes Rider Insurance for Second Year

Rider Insurance of Springfield, New Jersey has agreed to be a sponsor of the Pennsylvania Trailrider for 2010. Rider Insurance sponsored the Trailrider last year as well. PaOHV is grateful for Rider Insurance's support of OHV recreation in the Commonwealth.

Rider Insurance is a full service insurance provider offering lines of coverage for ATVs and motorcycles in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Ohio. Visit Rider Insurance on the web at [www.riderinsurance.com](http://www.riderinsurance.com) or call 800-595-6393.

## Rider Insurance Answers Your Top Insurance Questions

You know you need insurance for your bike, but what does it all mean? Rider Insurance, a corporate member and newsletter sponsor, is here to answer your top insurance questions.

### Q1) Will motorcycle insurance cover you if you're riding someone else's bike? What about if you are renting a motorcycle/moped/etc. while on vacation?

A1) If a person has motorcycle insurance and borrows someone else's bike and is involved in an accident, the coverage will follow the motorcycle. That means the bike you are riding provides the coverage. Typically, your liability coverage is only applicable if the bike's coverage is inadequate. However, your motorcycle insurance policy is not a substitute for insurance on the bike in question. The bike being used should also be properly registered and insured. If the person is renting a motorcycle/moped/etc. while on vacation, coverage will need to be obtained through the rental facility. No coverage will be provided under the Rider Insurance policy.

### Q2) If you do minor damage to your own motorcycle should you tell your insurance company? Why?

A2) If you damage your own motorcycle, the only time it should be reported to the insurance company is to submit a claim. Otherwise, there is no obligation to report damages to the

company. Before you decide to file a claim, you should compare your deductible to the cost of the repairs, and whether submitting the claim will affect your premium. The amount paid by the insurance company will be reduced by the deductible amount; therefore, if the damages are equal to or less than your deductible you should not file a claim. If the damages exceed your deductible, you still need to consider your out-of-pocket expense and how it could affect your premium, since in some cases a claim for damage that was your fault can cause you to lose discounts currently being applied to your policy.

### Q3) How does an insurance company determine the value of a stolen motorcycle?

A3) If a bike is stolen and not recovered, the actual cash value of the motorcycle is determined by N.A.D.A. book and other factors, including aftermarket additions, mileage and the condition of the bike are taken into consideration at the time of the loss. If the bike is damaged, an insurance adjuster will assess the damages and provide a report to the insurance company with an estimate to how much it will cost to repair including parts and labor.

For more information about Rider Insurance, go to [www.ridewithrider.com](http://www.ridewithrider.com) or call 800-595-6393. You can follow Rider on Facebook for all the up-to-date announcements and events.



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