



# ***THE PENNSYLVANIA TRAILRIDER ...***

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## **PaOHV— Surging Ahead** by Jim Bull incoming PAOHV Executive Director

In 2022 the PA OHV has been bolstered with the addition of some new directors that filled positions that have been open for a few years. With this comes new ideas and new passion to continue the fight for expanded trail mileage in the state. Many positive changes have come in the past year along with some losses but we will continue with your help to fight for more riding opportunities for two and four wheels and side by sides as well.

In our January meeting we decided upon some re alignment in some of our director positions to better suit everyone's needs and abilities. For starters our long time executive director, Dr Jack Clark has decided after close to 25 years of service that it was time to start the phasing out process. Dr. Clark has been involved with PAOHV since its inception. In fact, he was the one

who personally reached out to ATV and OHV groups from across the state in the Spring of 1999 to come to Renovo for a ride on the Whiskey Springs Trail followed by a meeting in downtown Renovo. This was followed by several other organizational meetings that led to the formal organization of PAOHV as a statewide entity in 2000. As long-time Board Chairman of the Lehigh Valley ATV Association, Jack realized that a statewide organization could be much more effective than individual local clubs when trying to increase riding opportunities in Pennsylvania and effect legislative change. He continued to be highly involved with the organization serving as its Legislative Director until he was elected to fill in for retiring Executive Director Dick Lepley in 2020.

When PA Act 68 was passed in 2001 it created the Snowmobile and ATV advisory Committee (SAAC) for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This law provided that PAOHV would be the official representative for off-road vehicles on this committee. Jack has served on that committee since it was established and has been its chairman for the past few years. During the past year PAOHV has been reorganized and has developed a strong administrative team of talented and experienced individuals from across the state. Jack mentioned to some of the incoming directors that he would like to turn over the leadership position to one of the incoming directors when they were ready. That change came about at last month's meeting along with a shift in several other positions. Jack will move back into the Legislative Director's position and will still remain involved until a new Legislative Director can be found to fill that spot. Jack is excited about the new ideas coming from the PAOHV leadership and wishes them the best of luck as the future of off-roading in PA continues to look brighter.

Effective at our February membership meeting on 2/15 Jim Bull will take the Executive Director position, Jim has over 35 years of industry experience and looks forward to serving the off road riding community. Other internal changes include: Jim Laird becomes our new Research Director, Jessica Hepner becomes our new Administrative Director and Jack Clark will fill our Legislative Director position until a new candidate is found. We are also looking to fill our treasurer position.

## PaOHV - Membership Drive

**They say there is power in numbers** and numbers then is what we need. Many years ago the PA OHV was formed to be a guiding hand to the clubs and industry businesses around the Commonwealth. To be the legislative arm that could go to Harrisburg and fight for the rights of riders all over Pa.

To fight for those rights we need financial resources and we need membership to show that Pennsylvanians want to be able to enjoy motorized recreation right along with all of the other great outdoor activities that Pa provides for its citizens and visitors to our state.

We ask that you please either join a local club that is a member of our organization or join us as individual. If you own or operate a business that caters to off road riders, please join and if you are a non profit club that hasn't already, please visit our website and **"Join Now"**



## Join The PA OHV Today

### Who We Are

Individuals / Riders

Clubs

Non-Profit Organizations

Motorsports Businesses

Industry Professionals

Manufacturers and Distributors

### What We Do

Pa's Official Legislative Off-Road Partner

Fighting for New Trail Miles

Board Members of Snowmobile and ATV Adv. Comm.

Fighting to Reform ATV and MC Registration

Supporting the ATV Pilot Program

Promoting Training and Education for Off-Road Riding



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## Membership Options

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**Individual Membership - \$20.00**

**Non-Profit or Club Membership - \$150.00**

**Dealer or For-Profit Business - \$300.00**

**Industry OEM Manufactures and Distributors**

**(contact us for details)**

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## PA OHV Announces First Ever Regional Rep

As part of our re structure moving forward we have instituted a "Regional Rep" volunteer position within our organization. In short, a regional rep is our eyes and ears on the ground in different regions of the state. As you know, PA covers a huge geographic area and we need as many people as possible to help keep us informed about new riding opportunities, legislative issues that may arise, new clubs forming or anything off road related in their territory. **We need help** and if you feel like you might be a fit or would like more info about what this entails, please send us an email at: [paohvassn@gmail.com](mailto:paohvassn@gmail.com)

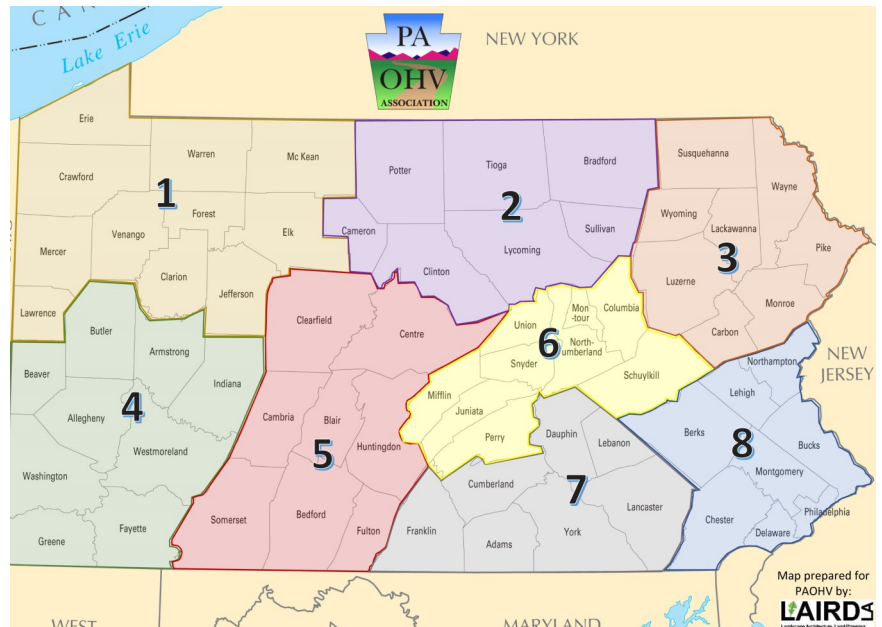
### Regional Rep Duties

The reps would essentially be "boots on the ground" so to speak in their region.

Staying on top of any happenings that could be pertinent to the group.

That could range anywhere from, new trail opportunities, club happenings in that region, legislative issues that could pop up.

Attending rides and events representing the organization and our monthly zoom meetings.



Everyone please help us welcome our first ever Regional Rep to the PA OHV.

Steve was voted in at our January meeting and is excited to serve the off road community in Pa and beyond.

Steve hails from the Erie area and is the current VP for ATV Traction Corporate so he is no stranger to the industry.



**Region 1 Rep - Steve Reichert**

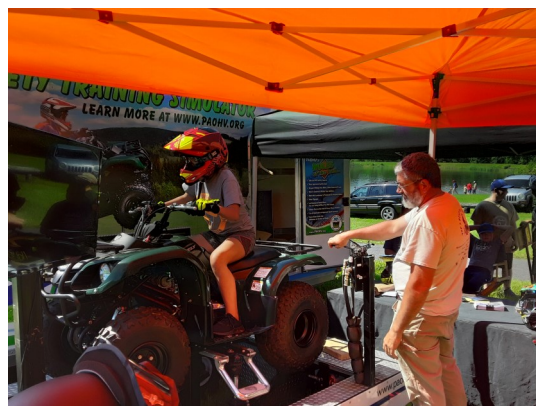
Steve is a small business owner and has been an ATV rider for most of his life. He jumped into the side by side world a few years ago aboard a Kawasaki Terex 4 and has recently updated to a KRX1000ES.

Hi hobbies include most things off road and spending time with his family in the great outdoors. He also has a background in full size off road vehicles, boats and dirt track racing.

Steve said his only goals are to be involved and to help our sport grow. He has a big territory and is very open to others from the region joining the cause. If interested in learning more you can get a message to Steve by **emailing him at: [Paohvassn@gmail.com](mailto:Paohvassn@gmail.com)**

# Pennsylvania Trails Foundation Update

By: Denny Mann



## Call for New Volunteers

My name is Denny Mann, Executive Director of Pennsylvania Trails Foundation. Many of the PaOHV membership are unaware of the education arm of PaOHV, the Pennsylvania Trails Foundation. Back in the day, DCNR grants were only available to profit free 501 3 c organizations. Since PaOHV was already involved in rider ethics training, the decision was made to create PTF, a 501 3 c, which would enable us to apply for grant funding. After securing a DCNR grant in 2006 the SCORE, Sensible Courteous Off Road Enthusiast, was created, and PTF embarked on an outreach training program. As time progressed and more hands on training was needed, an OHV simulator was purchased, and the rider ethics training was re-written with the focus on promoting youth ATV safety.

The first ten years of simulator training was focused on ATVs only, and promoted the necessity for youth to take the required ATV safety training from the DCNR. The Pennsylvania Trails Foundation became the primary advocate for the DCNR Youth ATV Safety Courses and traveled the state promoting safe ATV operation. PTF worked hand and hand with the local DCNR Rangers promoting lessons at various events across the state. With this connection to the DCNR many people thought PTF was actually an outreach of the DCNR.

As time went on PTF felt that the National Training Program done by the ATV Safety Institute needed to be included in the SCORE Simulator training. So again the training went through another revamp. Today's safety training is a three part, thirty minute mini class. First, Rules of the Trail where the PTF training squad teaches sensible and courteous OHV riding. The second segment promotes taking a lesson by exposing the student to the experience of operating an ATV via the simulator, and finally a 7 minute video that recaps and reviews the training.

The last update happened just two years ago when the simulator gained the capability to train dirt bikes, as well as ATVs making it a true OHV training platform. This new addition has helped to broaden the student base, plus added variety to our training. Now, PTF is operating on two DCNR grants, rotating vehicle types when permitted giving our promoters options from year to year.

This training though is only possible because of the efforts of the training squad. The volunteers give up many Saturdays to make children and their parents aware of proper, prudent OHV operation in Pennsylvania. The squad travels to all parts of the state and thanks to DCNR grants their expenses...lodging, travel, and meals are all covered by grants. So if you are an OHV enthusiast that enjoys working with children, please contact me, Denny Mann at [patrailsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:patrailsfoundation@gmail.com) so I can arrange a demonstration of what we do at PTF. We welcome all to see us in action.



## DCNR – Announces Fall 2022 ATV Grants

### Clearfield County

Treasure Lake Property Owners Assn, \$73,500, Prepare a Master Site Plan for an ATV trailhead within Cayman Landing Campground in Clearfield County. Work to include an electronic written report.

### Potter County

Ulysses Township, \$50,000, Prepare a trail study for the development of a bridge over Pine Creek along Old

Route 6 in Ulysses Township, Potter County. Work to include an electronic written report.



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## PA OHV Director Positions Open

### FINANCE DIRECTOR and TREASURER

Purpose of the Position: To operate and manage the financial affairs and generate outside resources in support of the association.

*(Our current treasurer does a great job but she is looking to retire)*

### LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

Purpose of the Position: Keep the Board updated and informed of current legislative activities and direct lobbying activities.

*(Dr. Jack Clark is temporarily filling this position but is also ready to retire)*

***Please contact us at: [Paohvassn@gmail.com](mailto:Paohvassn@gmail.com) for more details***

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## In Other News

Bill Ritting is nominated to fill Region 8 - Regional Rep Position

Jim Bull is announced as an alternate to the Snowmobile ATV Advisory Committee

PAOHV's Jack Clark and PA Trail Foundations Denny Mann help ECEA Clubs retain event on State Forest Land working with the DCNR and Weiser State Forest Deputies

Keep an eye out for potential upcoming legislation HC0692 from (R)Brian Smith that considers legalizing UTV's, commonly known as side - by - sides, for street use in Pennsylvania

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## JOIN THE TEAM

Pa Off-Highway Vehicle Association (PaOHV) is a volunteer organization whose activities are funded through general donations, sponsorships, and membership dues paid by individuals, clubs, and businesses around the state and the nation. All funds collected by PaOHV are utilized in activities, including lobbying for legislative efforts, that benefit and support the OHV riding community across Pennsylvania. Please consider joining today...



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## Welcome to our Returning Members for 2023

Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau	<a href="http://www.visitanf.com">www.visitanf.com</a>
Bushkill Valley Motorcycle Club	<a href="http://www.freemansburg-hill-climb.com">www.freemansburg-hill-climb.com</a>
Central Mountain ATV Association	<a href="http://www.cmatva.org">www.cmatva.org</a>
East Coast Enduro Association	<a href="http://www.ecea.org">www.ecea.org</a>
High Mountain Dirt Riders	<a href="http://www.hmdr.org">www.hmdr.org</a>
Laird LA, PLCC	<a href="http://www.lairdla.com">www.lairdla.com</a>
Lehigh Valley ATV Club	<a href="http://www.lehighvalleyatv.com">www.lehighvalleyatv.com</a>
Potter County ATV / UTV Club	<a href="http://www.potteratvutvclub.com">www.potteratvutvclub.com</a>
South Penn Enduro Riders	Facebook @100064582784104
Valley ATV Club	<a href="http://www.valleyatvclub.org">www.valleyatvclub.org</a>
Valley Forge Trail Riders	<a href="http://www.vftr.org">www.vftr.org</a>
Willow Hill Offroad School	facebook @whohvs

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**Who We Are – PaOHV is comprised of volunteers and members that include:**

Individuals, Riders, Clubs, Non-Profit Organizations, Motorsports Industry Businesses and Professionals

Manufacturers and Distributors, General Business Supporters and More

**We Would Ask That You Please Consider Joining Today**

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