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Spring Has Sprung by Jim Bull - PAOHV Executive Director

Hello to everyone from all of us at the PAOHV.

What an exciting time of the year with the weather getting warmer and the spring riding seasons soon upon us. Of course maybe you're a year round rider depending on what your preferences are.

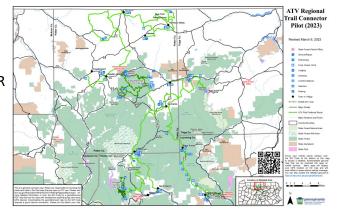
I know there are many here that prefer all modes of motorized transportation, both on and off road and of course many of us still love to get out on the sleds when Mother Nature allows.

Whatever your preference we hope you all have a great year of riding ahead and we ask you all to please share the trails while having fun and riding responsibly.

Pilot Program Expands for 2023

The pilot program now in its third year continues to grow and be popular among riders. I know the map to the right is very small and hard to read but please log onto the DCNR website to download maps and get all the information you need to have a successful riding season:

https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/WhatToDo/ATVRiding/ATVRegionalTrailConnectorPilot/Pages/default.aspx



Other Legislative Things to Watch in 2023

S x S Road Legal – HB 880 – street legal UTVs

SB 507 & HB 33 - RUWLA and volunteers

Find info by typing in the bill number online at: https:/www.legis.state.pa.us/

HB 385 – comparative negligence, sporting and recreational activities

HB 224 – "Rebuild PA" \$3B fund that includes new ATV trails and feasibility studies

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

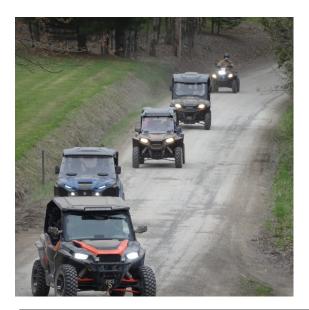
Clubs

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

Membership Options

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)

Join The Pennsylvania Off Highway Vehicle Association at: www.paohv.org

PAOHV Regional Reps Needed

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

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.



Our Newest Regional Reps to Join The Team

Please help us in welcoming our newest volunteers:

Region 2 - Todd Peifer

Region 3 - Mike Guzzi

Region 5 - Andy Shultz

Region 8 - Bill Ritting

Representatives Still Needed

Thanks to all who have stepped up to volunteer - there is so much industry experience being brought to the table and we thank you all for that. We still need help in regions 4, 6 and 7. If you feel like you would like to get involved please send us an email to:

Paohvassn@gmail.com



Pennsylvania Trails Foundation Update

By: Denny Mann





PTF Simulator 2023 Season Preview

Hello, my name is Denny Mann, the PTF Executive Direc-

tor. With the recent increase in PaOHV membership many of you may not know the acronym PTF. Just to bring the membership up to speed PTF is the Pennsylvania Trails Foundation, which was founded 15 years ago, as the education and rider ethics trainer in Pennsylvania for our user group. We travel the state promoting Sensible Courteous Off-Road Enthusiasm.

Presently, we have eight confirmed events, four of which are county Youth Field Days. At each Youth Field Day we will on average train 100 kids per day. Another returning event for this season is the Wizard Ranch National Scout Jamboree, which is held every four years in York, PA. At the 2019 Jamboree our training crew trained 300 Scouts, and promoted the Scouts internal ATV Course. This event is on September 30th, and we will need all of the help we can get!

This season, we will be attending three new and very different venues. The first will be the Clinton County Agriculture Safety Day. PTF's safety training program is a natural fit because of the work related usage of ATVs and Side x Sides on working farms. We will be offering training alongside Tractor, PTO, Implement, and Bicycle safety trainers; all working to reduce injuries on the farm.

The second new event will be for the 4th graders from the Tioga County School District. The kids will receive a full day of various safety training.



The third new venue is Touch a Truck sponsored by moral support at Fort Indiantown Gap. This will be an opportunity for family members of servicemen and women to see up close the equipment used by their parents, and the risks they take.

We will be adding more events as the summer starts. Possible venues include the addition of the Montgomery County Youth Field Day, the Healthy Hunter at Cowan's Gap Fall Fest, Allenwood Prison Family Safety Day and the rescheduled DCNR Youth ATV Safety Trainer Course. We welcome everyone as a volunteer. All volunteers will receive on the job training while working, as well as mileage, lodging and meals. This is a great way to see the rewards of becoming an instructor whether that is for PTF, DCNR, ASI, MSF OR ROVA.

PAOHV Member Clubs Host - Youth ATV Safety Training in April

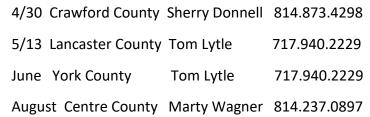
A big shout out to the Central Mountain ATV Association and the Potter County ATV/UTV Club for getting more kids eligible to get out there on the trails to ride.

Pennsylvania's All - Terrain Vehicle Law requires all youth aged 8 - 15 years old to take a prescribed ATV Training Course to ride on any lands other than private property.

You can get more info from the DCNR's Bureau of Forestry by calling (717) 783 - 7941 or by contacting one of our member clubs or the many certified instructors located around the state.



Upcoming ATV Training



For Dirt bike Training contact:

Denny Mann 717.404.6051

For Adventure Bike Training contact:

Jeff Ufberg 917.612.6196



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)

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