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Another Year in The Books

Hello to everyone from all of us at the – PA OHV.

And what a year it's been. In case you didn't know, about a year and a half ago we began a restructuring process within the organization.

Many factors contributed to this, and we felt it necessary first to re-brand our organization for better rider awareness, to then give some relief to those that had carried the torch for so many years and most importantly to keep up with the ever-expanding changes to riding laws and opportunities to create new trail miles in the Commonwealth of PA.

Life has changed in many ways since the Covid lockdowns and one of those is the growing desire for people to be in the great outdoors.

Many thanks go out to our predecessors, (some of whom are still around in different capacities) for getting our organization to where it is today. The PA OHV is the official body recognized by the state and DCNR to handle legislative issues pertaining to off-road recreation for machines that have wheels and a motor in Pa.

We also want to give many thanks to our member clubs that partner with us. In many cases they were the hammer that drove the nail home to create better and expanding riding opportunities for all of us.

Please also thank the PSSA who stands right beside us fighting for motorized recreation on the snowmobile side of the equation. They work with us on the SAAC committee and the Registration Fee Committee in working with DCNR and Penn Dot. There is power in numbers and working together we have made an impact.

We want to thank all the dealers and individual members that support us financially and by volunteering your time and efforts to the cause. It takes resources and an army of people to make it happen and without you all, we would have nothing.

We were able to help continue with the expansion of the ATV Pilot Program and in working with our member clubs and the PSSA able to help guide and direct many behind the scenes issues that affect where and when you can ride and upcoming legislation that affects us all. *(continued on page 2)*

We are continuing to work on ourselves and our efforts to make a difference for all of you. End of year legislation is coming, and we must keep all eyes and ears to the ground to stay on top of that. The 3-year Pilot program has been a success, but DCNR is looking for ways to move that forward through expansion and management of the program and we are right there working by their side.

As always, we are looking at ways to find new riding opportunities for our two wheeled friends and looking for motorcycle clubs and volunteers to get involved in those efforts. Lastly, we are always looking for new riding areas for all and ways to fund those efforts.

There have been many small changes internally and the agenda moving forward is large and the opportunities are great. What will 2024 bring, only time will tell. What we can say is that we need your help. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter to see how you can contribute to the cause. Working together as a team we can get results and the time has never been better to get changes made.

So, thanks to you all – we look forward to working and riding with you in the new year and please enjoy the best that the Holidays have to offer. ***Jim Bull - PA OHV Executive Director***

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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)

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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

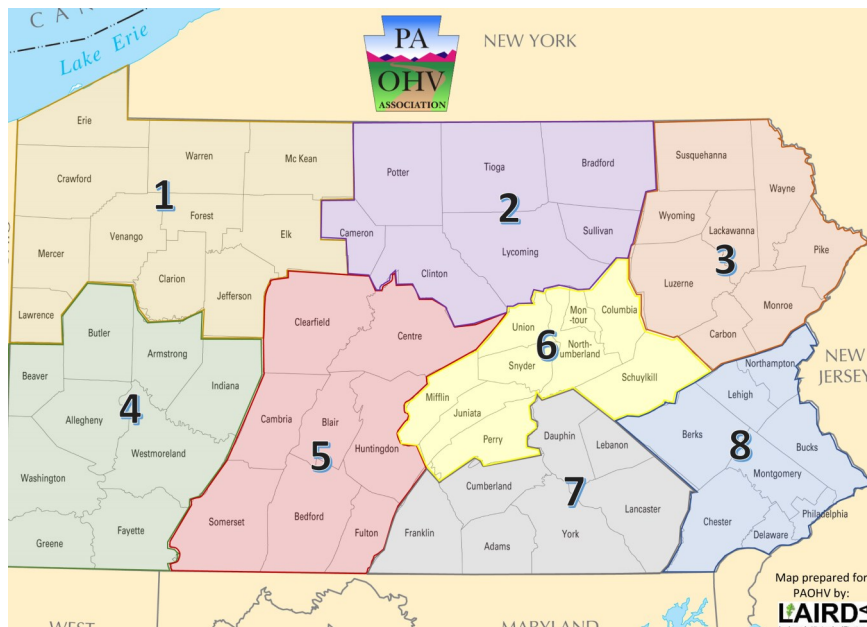
Regional Rep Duties

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.



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



Be a Trail Fanatic, Not a Trail Snob

By: Denny Mann



Last October while riding the first half of section three of the *Northeast Backcountry Discovery Route* I found a number of points of interest. We had just finished section two and the last 40 miles was mostly pavement, which was not of great interest to an old dirt bike guy, but not a big surprise since the route crossed the Hudson Valley. The end of section two and the beginning of section three is at the New York State Park of Copake Falls, [Copake Falls \(copakefallsny.com\)](http://copakefallsny.com). Copake is Lenape Indian for “in the trees” and now hundreds of years later in the trees it is. Being in the heart of the Taconic Mountains and at the base of the Berkshire Mountains trees are in abundance. While wandering around the park I crossed the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, [Harlem Valley Rail Trail \(hvrt.org\)](http://hvrt.org). HVRT is a 26 mile rail trail running from Copake Falls south to Wassiac and is paved the entire length. Being a Rail Trail lover I grabbed a trail map for the future, and we made our way back to our motorcycles. Being curious and having extra time we wandered down the road to the beginning of Section three of the NEBDR, [North East Backcountry Discovery Route \(NEBDR\) Map & Information \(ridebdr.com\)](http://ridebdr.com). What we found was a dirt road that went straight up the mountain into Massachusetts. Within minutes we were in Massachusetts and heading to Mount Washington. As the fun continued so did we. Before long we crossed into Connecticut. After looking at the route on my GPS I realized we were heading north once again and back into Massachusetts. So we chose to continue until we reached Route 28, and then we could follow that back to our lodgings in Hunter NY.

As we descended out of Massachusetts and into New York State another tourist site caught my interest, *Catamount Ski Area*. This resort is split between the two states, Massachusetts and New York, [Winter Mountain Outdoor Adventures | Catamount Ski Resort](http://wintermountainadventures.com). This was another great find. Being an avid skier, I knew I would return over the winter. I did just that with my wife in February, 2022. What a great find...1000 foot of vertical and good terrain. However, the main draw was skiing two states in one day. Then in July my wife and I rode the 26 mile long HVRT, and had a wonderful day. The trail had more bridges than any other rail trail we have ridden, and the old rail bed traversed multiple wetlands, home to numerous water fowl.

Just this past weekend in the *Allegheny National Forest*, PaOHV held a guided tour of the *Timberline OHV Trail System*, [AllATV08-Mrnvtmbri-s1 \(visitanf.com\)](http://allatv08-mrnvtmbri-s1.visitanf.com). Saturday evening we had trouble finding a good restaurant in the area, and the desk clerk at our hotel recommended a spot 10 miles south of Marrienville on Route 66 in the village of Vowinckel. As we drove south into the town of Vowinckel, I could see a paved trail paralleling the highway. After parking I crossed the highway and found a new rail trail, [Rail 66 Country Trail – A Four Season Trail \(rail-66.com\)](http://rail-66.com). (continued on page 5)

During dinner I used my cell phone to gather details. The *Rail 66 County Rail Trail* uses the right of way from the Northern Division of the Baltimore and Ohio that connected Pittsburgh and Buffalo. The trail at this time is just over 20 miles in length running from the Forest County line south to Marianne while paralleling Route 66. So next year when I travel to the Forest County Youth Field Day in August of 2023 the PTF truck bed will have the addition of pedal bikes.

All of these recreational opportunities were discovered because of a riding an OHV trail. Trails of all types appeal to likeminded people who enjoy being outdoors. Most trail users like multiple trail experiences. I saw other users such as mountain bikers, hikers and horse riders enjoying the day at the same time as me. The lesson learned on these adventures is don't be a one sport trail user. Get out and play in as many modes as you can. There is so much to do and see everywhere, do it in multiple ways and make new friends.



PA OHV Director Positions Open

FINANCE DIRECTOR

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

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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JOIN THE TEAM

The 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



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