

SPRING 2008 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLE, KEN UMBARGER

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"The Past is not the Future"
Dick Dufourd – Rec Connect

Can you imagine having the largest off-road recreation site in the province just a few minutes away from your door? A trail network connecting all the communities up and down the Okanagan Valley built to a sustainable standard complete with camping facilities and loops for every level of ability from beginner to extreme. Picture a place to take your youngsters to learn how to handle that new dirt bike or quad... where a family can go camp and explore hundreds of miles of backcountry together on motorized toys and then roast wieners around the fire.

Since the first time I had the opportunity to ride a managed trail system in the United States with my sons, I felt in my heart we in the Okanagan could develop an off road trail system that would be the envy of the globe and at the same time co-exist with other users and stakeholders in harmony.

OTRA is working tirelessly to achieve the vision of a sustainable and high quality trail system that addresses the needs and concerns of all.



Ken Umbarger, President
Okanagan Trail Riders Association

It has been achieved elsewhere and with continued commitment it will be achieved in the Okanagan starting with the Bear Creek Recreational Site.

In February OTRA signed a Stewardship Agreement with the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Art (MOTSA). Since receiving our grant in June 2007, we have been in the planning and collaborating stage. We have engaged Dick and Joani Dufourd of Rec Connect to facilitate the planning process. Numerous planning meetings have been held since August of 2007 and chaired by John Glaspie of MOTSA and have included ALL the stakeholders. Nobody said it would be easy but John has done a great job of moving things forward. We hope to be in a position to begin the first phase of the plan this year. Our Sweco Dozer is scheduled to arrive this spring and M&M Performance donated 2 Quads to be used for trail building and maintenance!! Thanks to every other Off Road Motorcycle club in the Province and Terry Burke's tenacity, we have secured a \$50,000 dollar grant for this year from CATV. We will be ready to do the job when MOTSA gives us a green light and we will need your help.

Like my good friend Dick Dufourd says "The Past is not the Future". We can make a difference and you can be part of it.

Ken Umbarger
President
OTRA

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INNOVATIVE
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Valley Moto Sport Kelowna, BC 

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"Mountain Motorsports"

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, April 19th

Come to the Grand 10 Cinemas in Kelowna to see:

DUST TO GLORY a film by Dana Brown
New bikes will be on display - prize giveaways!

Only \$5.00 admission! Doors open at 6:00 pm for viewing the new 2008 bikes and the show starts at 7:00 pm.



RecConnect Update April 2008

Spring is coming and everyone is anxious to go riding, but there has been a lot going on during the winter. We have spent a great deal of time trying to get all the folks that have personal and professional interests in the riding area to begin to share a common goal, that of managing the motorcycle

use and making the areas better than it currently is. We knew it was going to take some time, patience and tenacity to get from discussions and reports to actually turning dirt and making a system.

While the casual observer might wonder WHY it takes so long, those members that have been deeply involved realize how many issues we have had to deal with in the last year. If it were only as simple as building trails, constructing bridges, signing and mapping, the work would be done, but we'll get there.

- **RecConnect** took the GPS inventory data and started developing a concept trail plan. We focused on the Bald Range Creek area and developed a trail construction and rehabilitation project plan for 2008.
- We used this plan to write and submit applications for two grants: a \$50,000 grant from COHV and a \$30,000 grant from the Okanagan Basin Water Board. We were successful in receiving the COHV grant while the OBWB grant was denied.
- The Operating Plan was re-edited during the winter and was presented to the Advisory Committee in February. No comments have been received to date and we do not expect any significant modifications to the Plan (version DT6).
- The Sweco dozer will be here shortly and we have lined up an experienced operator to conduct training on the dozer and mini excavator. The training will consist of classroom lecture, hands-on maintenance techniques, training in the field and follow up oversight and guidance. We will do this on-site during a 2 week period. The instructor is dedicated and will stay longer if he feels there is a need.
- We, **RecConnect**, will be in Kelowna from April 13 to 26 to attend meetings, do thorough recon in the Bald Range Creek, identifying two bridge crossings and flag in trail locations.
- The planning process has been contentious, frustrating and difficult. Lakeview Irrigation District and their consultants have refused to co-operate and have mounted a dirty campaign based on half truths and emotionalism to fight the project. We have talked about the 3 P's; **politics, politics, politics** – and we are losing the political war here. In our opinion, LID hasn't been co-operating because they want us out of the lower watershed entirely and they think they have a good chance of achieving that goal. They have RDCO support, Westbank support and apparent support from the media. We have been involved in another project where a well orchestrated campaign by a few people caused the collapse and abandonment of the whole OHV project. It CAN happen here and it WILL happen here if we are not careful.
- **RecConnect** will be requesting appearances at the next LID board meeting and the next Westbank City Council meeting to try to offset the damaging negativism being spread by LID.
- All the riders of Bear Creek need to unify to support OTRA, ride responsibly and work hard to sway public opinion through the media or direct contact with your political representatives. No one can do it all for you and your riding opportunities are at risk if no one does it at all.



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Okanagan Trail Riders Executive 2008

Ken Umbarger	President
Adrian Van Newkerk	Vice President
Wendy Dyck	Secretary
Carol Boyd	Memberships
Terry Burke	Treasurer
Lorne Scott	Social Director



Okanagan Hare Scrambles Series

First Race: May 11th

The first race in a 6 races series is May 11th in Salmon Arm. *DCT Chambers Pee Wee Race Series* (50 cc and 65 cc classes); 85 cc class; 2 ladies classes; Veteran Amateur (age 30+ for first time racers) and more! There's a class for every member of the family.

Race Dates:

May 11 th	Rock Hound	Salmon Arm	Mt. Ida Dirt Bike Riders
June 8 th	Full Throttle	Vernon	Vernon Off Road Motorcycle Club
June 21 / 22	Double Header	Kamloops	Greater Kamloops Motorcycle Assn.
Sept 28	The Sanchez	Naramata	South Okanagan Dirt Bike Club
Oct 19	Frosty Peach	Peachland	South Okanagan Dirt Bike Club

PN license is required for racing; licenses will be available at all races! \$30 Single License or \$40 Family License. Race Entry Fee - \$35. Race dates and additional information available at:
<http://www.pnwma.com/OHSS/index.html>

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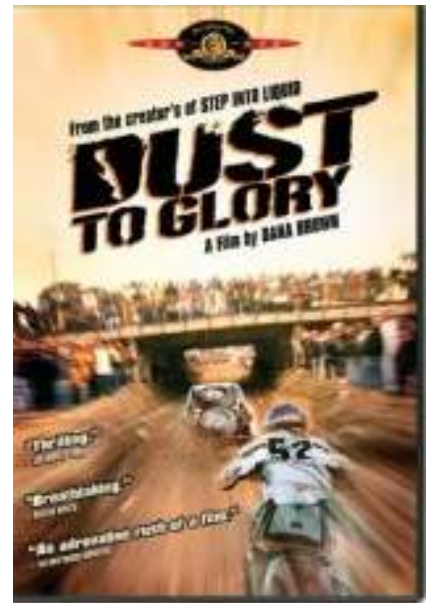
PACIFIC NORTHWEST MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION **PNWMA**
SINCE 1921

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, April 19th at the Grand 10 Cinema's on McCurdy Road,
Kelowna,

Admission: Only \$5.00 - **Dust to Glory**

New 2008 bikes will be on display and prize giveaways!



October 2, 2007, Larry Nickel of **M&M Performance** announced that M&M will be donating two (2) Honda Rubicon 500 ATV's for the Okanagan Trail Riders to use in the trail design and maintenance at the Bear Creek Motorized Recreation Area on Kelowna's Westside.

M&M will also be providing free maintenance for the machines throughout the year.

The Okanagan Trail Riders Association would like to thank Larry and his team at M&M Motorsports for such a generous donation to the long term goal of trail design, implementation and maintenance at Bear Creek.



L to R: Ken Umbarger (OTRA), Dick & Joanie Duford (RecConnect), Larry Nickel (M&M Performance), Terry Burke (OTRA).

Have You Purchased Your 2008 Membership Yet?

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 DUAL SPORT RIDE June 29 / July 04 - 2008 OREGON BACK COUNTRY DISCOVERY ROUTE



Green and yellow tracks indicate the daily rides

1. Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday June 29	Meet in Walla Walla, WA 8AM. Ride to Starkey	Approx. Distance 252km
Day 2:	Starkey to Sumpter	235km
Day 3:	Sumpter to Seneca	227km
Day 4:	Seneca to Burns	280km
Day 5:	Burns to Paisley	324km
Day 6: Friday July 04	Paisley to Goose Lake Meet at Lakeview Lodge Motel on arrival.	194km

2. What is the Oregon Back Country Discovery Route

From the OORV (Oregon Off Highway vehicle association):

Route 5 of the Oregon Back Country Discovery Route is a great adventure into Oregon's incredibly diverse and beautiful less traveled roads. This allows the adventurer to experience a very little traveled part of Oregon's vast, varied and incredible back country.

For the vast majority of its 750 miles the BCDR elevation ranges from 4000' plus to 6000' plus. On the Route, one will travel from the high open meadows with Aspen and mixed Fir at the California border (6000'+), to the high desert sand dunes of Christmas Valley (4000'+), and into the lush conifer forest of northern Oregon.

The BCDR has commercial services available approximately every 100 miles with street legal vehicles needed for access. Campgrounds are available along the route. Due to the elevations the Route is a late Spring, Summer adventure, depending on snow arrival in the Fall and departure in the Spring.

The Route is accessible at many places as it crosses highways and secondary roads. Your journey will be one of few contacts with others. One needs to plan for being self-sufficient. Travel with others is highly recommended. Sections have cell phone reception, but should not be counted on. Gas is available approximately every 100 miles; most will require travel on street legal roads for access. Much of Route Five is high and temperatures can get into the teens and twenties at night even during the warm months of the year.

In the 700 plus miles of the OADR, you will experience vistas that seem to go into tomorrow, beautiful lakes, alpine meadows, aspen groves, isolated campgrounds, long deserted homesteads, high desert meadows, and forests of many kinds, along with many different kinds of wildlife. A running steam railroad and a preserved gold barge are just a stones throw from the BCDR.

If you take the time to stop and listen, one can hear voices of Oregon's hardy settlers, and with a few miles detour one can visit the much recommended Oregon Trail's Interpretive Center just outside of Baker City.

Maps are available from OORV and I have GPS tracks available in .gpx format.

If you are interested in this ride, please contact me:

Jack Pyck; 250-470-4124; jack@quantechsoftware.com

If anyone deserves an entire page dedicated to the sport of riding motorcycles, it is our OTRA Feature Rider,

Tom Woods

Bike, make & model?

Kawasaki KDX 200

First Bike?

AJS 350 1948? British Bike

Years riding?

55 years!!

Who introduced you to riding?

Long time friend Len Hargreaves.

Who taught you how to ride?

The reserve army #8 Provo Core Jerhico Beach Vancouver.

Favorite place to ride?

Bear Creek Trails

Favorite type of riding?

Trail riding and road riding on my 750 Seca – street bike; an oldie just like it's rider!

Biggest challenge riding?

Steep downhills

Single or married?

MARRIED TO THE SAME WOMAN FOR 50 YEARS!

Favorite food?

Burgers and smokies after a good ride

Favorite movie?

African Queen

What do you do for a living?

As little as possible – retirement!

What's your perfect day?

A good ride with no crashes!

Other interests / hobbies?

Camping, fishing, gardening, working out at the "Y"

Worst Wipeout?

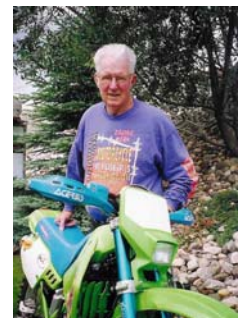
Trail riding at Washougal, WA with Terry Burke; hit a rock and went over the bars; injured collar bone.

What bugs you?

The price of gas and aphids in my garden

When I am not riding.....

.. I am working in my garden, camping or fishing or wintering in Arizona or Mexico!



Okanagan
TRAIL RIDERS Association



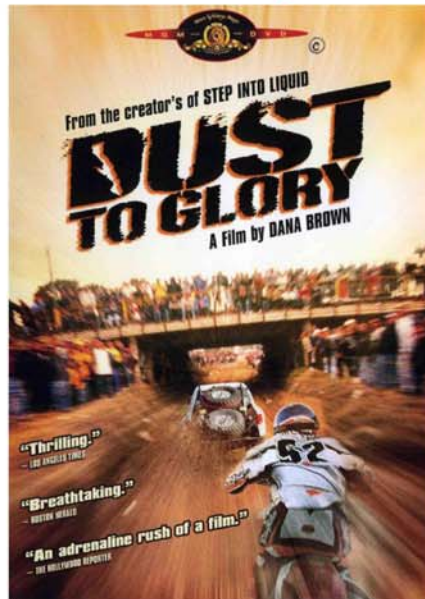
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MOVIE NIGHT
AT THE
GRAND 10 CINEMA

April 19th
Featuring...

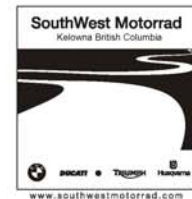


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Date: **April 19, 2008**
Location: **Grand 10 Cinemas ~ Theatre #2**
948 McCurdy Road, Kelowna

Doors Open: **6:00 pm**
Show Time: **7:00pm**
Admission **\$5.00 per person**

**View many of the 2008
bikes and ATVs
on display**

This evening promises to be an exciting and fun way for off road enthusiasts to gather and celebrate the start of another great season. The movie will be a fast-paced big screen experience guaranteed to provide a thrill to off road enthusiasts, young and old.

LESS SOUND = MORE GROUND
96 decibels is where you need to be!

Riding Tip

Provided by: Jamie Skinner

Body Position Basics:

Proper body position can improve control, increase confidence, save energy and ultimately increase your speed.

- 1. Stand-up whenever possible. Maintain a strong athletic stance poised for action, with knees slightly bent, arms slightly bent and relaxed (don't worry about elbows up or anything like that).**
- 2. Visualize your body growing out of the bike like a tree would out of the ground or like a builders plum bob.**

Uphill = *body leans forward into the force of gravity.*

Downhill = *body moves rear-ward, butt over the rear fender, bracing for the braking force and loading the rear wheel for better braking performance.*

Cornering = *body remains perpendicular to the ground, weighting the outside peg, if sitting, outside butt cheek on outside side of seat. If you do this correctly, you will be surprised at the improved traction you will find in corners.*

- 3. Counteract the forces of Acceleration and Deceleration.**

Acceleration (throttle) = *lean your body forward to match the force of acceleration and reduce the effort required to "hang-on". Ideally, there would be almost no pull on the bars.*

Deceleration (brakes) = *Almost identical to "downhill" stick your butt out over the back fender, keeping knees and elbows slightly bent.*

Try focusing on one of these points at a time for 15-20 minutes to get a feel for what you are doing, then progress to the next step and repeat to build a strong riding foundation.

Play Safe and Play Hard!

See you on the trails,

Skinner.



Downhill stance....., butt over the rear fender



Cornering - keeping body perpendicular to the ground



Cornering, standing up and accelerating...



Accelerating – reduce the effort to “hang on”



When you can pull it all together, standing, accelerating, body position, etc., you will look as professional as this young lady –
Ms. McKinley Skinner

← That's McKinley's Dad – Jamie

Kidz Kormer

Dylan and Emma Fetterer live in Summerland with their Mom and Dad, Pam & Mike Fetterer.

Emma once said, *“My Mom can ride faster than your Dad!”*



Dylan Fetterer

Age 10 – Grade 4

Bike:

KTM 65 SX

How did you get interested in dirt bikes:

My entire family rides!

What was your first bike?

Yamaha PW 50

Favorite place to ride?

Garnet Valley, Summerland

Who is your dirt biking hero?

Ricky Carmichael

What's your favorite flavour of ice cream?

Vanilla

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Pro Racer *(we think he should be a Red Bull spokesperson – that smile could sell anything!)*

Who's the best rider in your family

This was really close between Mom and Dad, but in the end, they said Dad!

What are your other interests /hobbies/

Skate boarding, snow boarding, long distance running, karate

Emma Fetterer

Age 7 – Grade 2

How did you get interested in dirt bikes:

My entire family rides! *(Hmmm, we've heard that answer before!)*

What was your first bike?

PW 50

Favorite place to ride?

The orchard at Nanna's

Who is your dirt biking hero?

Ricky Carmichael

What's your favorite flavour of ice cream?

Strawberry

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Artist *(she makes terrific clay pottery and jewelry from her “tumbled rocks”)*

Who's the best rider in your family

Once again, this question had to be debated but I think, in the end, that Dad is the best rider in the family.

What are your other interests /hobbies/

Rock Tumbling, Pottery, Skiing, Figure Skating

If you want to be our feature “Kid”, email Wendy at wendydyck@telus.net

2008 OTRA EVENTS

March

3 Annual General Meeting:
Okanagan Trail Riders <http://www.okanagantrailriders.com>

April

3 Okanagan Trail Riders Meeting Coast Capri Hotel
<http://www.okanagantrailriders.com>

19 Dust 2 Glory Movie Night!
Okanagan Trail Riders Grand 10 Cinemas
6pm: Doors open/Mingle
7pm: Movie Start
<http://www.okanagantrailriders.com>

May

4 Bear Creek Awareness Day <http://www.okanagantrailriders.com>

6 Okanagan Trail Riders Ride
Meeting & BBQ
(Free Hot dogs for first 25 people) Bear Creek Lower Pits
Ride: 5/5:30pm , Meeting/BBQ: 7pm
<http://www.okanagantrailriders.com>

June

3 Okanagan Trail Riders Ride
informal Meeting & BBQ
(Free Hot dogs for first 25 people) Bear Creek Lower Pits
Ride: 5/5:30pm , Meeting/BBQ: 7pm
<http://www.okanagantrailriders.com>

21 Summer Solstice
Longest Day of the Year! Possible Trail ride: tba

29-July 4 OTRA Dual Sport
Oregon BackCountry Discovery Route Jack Pyck- Okanagan Trail Riders
jack@quantechsoftware.com

July

1 Okanagan Trail Riders Ride,
informal Meeting & BBQ
(Free Hot dogs for first 25 people) Bear Creek: Location tba
Ride: 5:30pm, Meeting/BBQ: 7pm
<http://www.okanagantrailriders.com>

August

5 Okanagan Trail Riders Ride
informal Meeting & BBQ
(Free Hot dogs for first 25 people) Bear Creek: Location tba
Ride: 5:30pm , Meeting/BBQ: 7pm
<http://www.okanagantrailriders.com>

September

2 Okanagan Trail Riders Meeting
& Ride / BBQ Bear Creek: Location tba
Ride: 5pm , Meeting/BBQ: 6:30pm
<http://www.okanagantrailriders.com>

14 Alf Klassen Poker Run:
Okanagan Trail Riders (Tentative) <http://www.okanagantrailriders.com>

October

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| 2 | Okanagan Trail Riders
Colville Road Trip | http://www.okanagantrailriders.com |
| 7 | Okanagan Trail Riders Meeting
& Ride / BBQ | Bear Creek Lower Pits
Ride: 5pm , Meeting/BBQ: 6:30pm
http://www.okanagantrailriders.com |

November

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| 4 | Monthly Meeting:
Okanagan Trail Riders | http://www.okanagantrailriders.com
Coast Capri Hotel |
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December

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| 2 | Monthly Meeting:
Okanagan Trail Riders (tentative) | http://www.okanagantrailriders.com
Coast Capri Hotel |
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OTHER RIDING EVENTS IN THE AREA

April

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| 27 | Poker Run
Southern Okanagan Dirtbike Club | Okanagan Falls
http://sodbc.ca/ |
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May

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| 11 | Okanagan Hare Scramble Series #1 | Silver Creek |
| 17 | Ogopogo Cross Country
(PNWMA Interior Region Event)
Southern Okanagan Dirtbike Club | Peachland
http://sodbc.ca/ |
| 18 | Squealin' Pig Hare Scrambles
(PNWMA Interior Region Event)
Penticton Off-Road Motorcycle Club | Penticton |

June

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| 8 | Okanagan Hare Scramble Series #2 | Vernon |
| 15 | 59th Annual Piston Run X-Country
(PNWMA Coast Region Event) | Chilliwack
http://www.gvmc.ca/ |
| 21&22 | Okanagan Hare Scramble Series
#3 & #4 | Kamloops
wendydyck@telus.net |
| 29 | 23rd Annual Monkeywrench X-Ctry
(PNWMA Coast Region Event) | Lytton |

July

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| 20 | The Tree Hugger Hare Scramble
(PNWMA Interior Region Event) | Castlegar
http://www.kootenaymx.com/ |
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August

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| 2 | Mud Creek Run
(PNWMA Interior Region Event) | Taylor |
| 3 | Gundy Pinner
(PNWMA Interior Region Event) | Dawson Creek |
| 30 | Night Rooster Hare Scrambles
(PNWMA Interior Region Event) | Vernon |
| 31 | Big Rooster Hare Scrambles
(PNWMA Interior Region Event) | Vernon |

September

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| 21 | 3 Worlds Cross Country
(PNWMA Coast Region Event) | Kamloops
http://www.gkma.ca |
| 30 | The Sanchez Hare Scrambles
Okanagan Hare Scramble Series #5 | Naramata
wendydyck@telus.net |

October

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| 11 | Outback Bushwack Hare Scrambles
(PNWMA Interior Region Event) | Quesnel
http://qccma07.googlepages.com |
| 12 | Overlander Cross Country
(PNWMA Interior Region Event) | Williams Lake |
| 19 | The Frosty Peach Hare Scrambles
Okanagan Hare Scramble Series #6 | Peachland
wendydyck@telus.net |