



# OFATV

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## **BUILDING ONTARIO'S ATV TRAIL NETWORK – CLUB BY CLUB**

**Thank you for supporting the OFATV. This membership is valid for one full year from the date of purchase. Inside is your 2009 permit (if you purchased online or mailed your application) and your membership card. Please ensure that this pass is positioned on the front center to front left hand side of your ATV and visible to opposing traffic.**

The OFATV, along with the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance (EOTA) and the Ontario Trails Council (OTC) have been working to develop a new permit program called the “TTN Gold Permit”. This permit will allow riders from both organizations to utilize each others trails under one permit. A sub-committee was formed in early 2007, and throughout the year they have been able to work out many of the details to establish this type of relationship. There is one major stumbling block; insurance, that has to be resolved before this plan can be put into action. When the issue of insurance has been resolved and an agreement can be struck we will make an immediate announcement.

In 2007 the OFATV applied for, and received grant money from the Canadian off Highway Vehicle Distribution Council (COHV). The OFATV offered up to \$10,000 for the Trail Development of each of its clubs. This money was ear marked to build new trails, repair or enhance existing trails, through bridge construction, adding aggregate to impassable areas, and general trail improvements. Three of the eight club development projects have been completed while the remaining five have completed over 75% of their project. OFATV clubs have reported that 250 km of new trails have been have been developed from these projects, and over 1200 volunteer man hours have been contributed to trail development by the clubs. Congratulations to our volunteers for a job well done!!

The OFATV would also like to welcome our newly elected Executive team; please see the back of this sheet for names and contact information. The new Executive Team, along with your Board of Directors is dedicated to continuing to look out for the “Best interest” of ATVers in Ontario.

The OFATV has partnered with Digital Media Productions to produce an electronic newsletter. This is your newsletter, and we ask that all Clubs/members provide us with any information concerning their Club and surrounding area i.e. Club meeting times, events, trail development news etc. Email notification, with a hot link will be provided quarterly to all OFATV members, as well as many of our partner organizations, indicating that a new newsletter is available for you to read and or download upcoming rides, and stay tuned in with ATV issues and developments all across the Province. If you have an email address and have not provided it to us, please send us a note so that you can be added to receive this newsletter.

**We Have a Vision – We Have a Plan to Get There – Now We Need Your Support**

We continue to have strong involvement with ‘The Ontario Trails Strategy’ now managed by the Ministry of Health Promotion. The Ontario Trails Strategy is: “A world-class system of trails that captures the uniqueness and beauty of Ontario’s vast open spaces and natural and built cultural/ heritage resources while connecting people and places through quality, diverse, safe and widely accessible urban, rural and wilderness trail experiences for the enjoyment of residents and the development of tourism.”

Our work with COHV, OFSC, OTC, and other trail related groups, continues, to sow the seeds for expansion and sustainment of Trail Systems throughout Ontario. Permit structure is divided three ways; a portion will go to the club which you support, OFATV administration, and insurance. The clubs will find it easier to retain more membership dollars for trail development under this plan, as the trail insurance costs are no longer their responsibility. The OFATV retains a similar portion of funds as before. The clubs now retain internal development dollars for signage and trail work. As the OFATV changed insurance carriers last year, this reduced the cost of the 3rd party liability insurance to the organization and clubs by nearly 50%. The OFATV Club’s main mandate has always been trail development, and with the reduced insurance cost, this means that more of your membership dollars will be turned over to the clubs to continue their efforts of providing ATV trails for all members to enjoy.

Our new website is continually improving making sure that our members can communicate clearly with our office. Check out the Event Calendar, and Forum. You can now purchase your membership online using Visa or MasterCard. We will continue to improve our website for your enjoyment, information and participation.

By joining an OFATV Club, you have provided them with the strength to grow. Each OFATV Club can remain active in the development stages of a trail network. Volunteers are needed to approach landowners, cut trails, install signs and assist with fund raising events and industry trade shows. A portion of your membership has remained with your club. These funds are required to keep your club active with meetings, newsletters, etc. The portion of your membership that has been forwarded to the OFATV is very important to the daily operating expenses of the OFATV office to provide support to the clubs and our membership.

There are still many challenges that lie ahead of us and your Board of Directors is dedicated to working through these challenges. The stronger each OFATV Club becomes the stronger the voice of ATV riders becomes. We encourage you to talk to other ATV riders and explain the benefits of being an OFATV member.