



### Mission:

*To continually develop and promote ATV riding as a safe and family oriented recreational opportunity that is friendly to the environment and other users of the resources.*

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

January 11

Happy New Year!

February 8

March 8

April 12

### Meeting Location & Club Sponsor:

All Ohio Motorsports

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# SEATV

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## Meeting Highlights

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Solon VFW this year.

Thanks to Renzo and Trish Calabrese who arranged the main meal of chicken cutlet milenese, eggplant ricottatini, green beans almondine, baked ziti, salad, and rolls. The appetizers and desserts club members and their families brought were bountiful. About 60 club members and their families attended the event. I hope everyone had a good time, I know I did. No meeting was held only a brief discussion about our upcoming annual fund raising reverse raffle. **TICKETS are now AVAILABLE!!**

Contact Harry Edwards for

tickets at 440.247.0329.

To volunteer to help on the reverse raffle committee contact Wayne Hickin at 330.678.4208. To help with the Chinese auction for the reverse raffle contact Patty Loveland at 440.413.5842 or via email at [p.loveland@alltel.net](mailto:p.loveland@alltel.net) or Amanda Sponsler at [asponsler@kent.edu](mailto:asponsler@kent.edu).

We have calculated that if everyone buys a ticket or two and sells 2 this will be a **TOTAL SELL OUT!**

Karen Teichman has graciously volunteered to start off 2007 by hosting our January club meeting meal. Volunteers are needed for the remainder of the year except for May

10 which the Sponsler family has signed up for. Contact Mary Anne Edwards at 440.247.0329 or [newsletter@seatvclub.com](mailto:newsletter@seatvclub.com) to volunteer or if you have questions. We need 9 club members or families to host a club dinner and the entire year would be covered. Our Christmas party, anniversary party, and an annual chili cook off make up the other 3. With over 80 memberships I would hope we could find 9 to either prepare or purchase a monthly club meal. You are completely reimbursed by our club treasurer and can in some cases get the money before hand.

## Getting to Know You

**Charlie and Sharon Criss of North Olmstead,** Ohio is my featured family this month. Charlie and Sharon joined the club November 13, 2004. They have three children, Jason, Matthew, and Dawn. They also have been blessed with two grand sons.

Charlie and Sharon enjoy

leisurely riding taking in the scenery as they go. They really enjoy our trips to Four Seasons in West Finley Pennsylvania where this year the entire family was able to come for the long July 4th weekend. Charlie isn't thrilled with going up or down steep hills but he does enjoy

playing in the mud. Sharon rides a **Kawasaki Kodiak 450** while Charlie rides a **Honda Rincon 650**. Family time, enjoying the outdoors, and meeting new friends are just a few reasons Charlie and Sharon joined the club.

## Wayne National Forest News

The WNF website has a new category called “**Success Stories**” It is a section for **reporting examples of our progress in caring for the land and serving people.** An article in November titled “**ATV competitive ride on the WNF nets benefits for children.**” Bill Scripp and Stan Carte from the forestry service were there. The ride started out on a brand new section of trail in the Village of New Straitsville. It is connecting to the WNF via a private campground owned by Rick Begley. This new section of trail will allow ATV riders to ride into New Straitsville to have lunch, fill up with gas, or just take a break and walk around. Rick Begley supplied all the gravel for the trail. He was also the owner/operator of the mini-excavator that did the earth work, a tremendous time saver in the trail construction. The benefit raised **\$11, 438** that went to the Santa Tree Project. A perfect example of how private sector and the forestry service can work together for the benefit of everyone involved.

## Ride Recaps!

### November 25 at Hopedale Sportsman Club

A few club members attended the last ride for 2006. There was plenty of mud to go around we were told.

**December 8-10 at Bubba's Shack** hosted by **Keith Wyant.** A few people were scheduled to attend this event but I received no information on the event at the time of publishing this newsletter.



**Please remember if you host a club ride that you should provide the newsletter with a ride recap. The date of your ride, the host, members and guests that attended, the club meal that was served, amount of trails you rode, the type of trails you rode, and any other bits of information you care to share with members who may want to attend the next time.**

## Upcoming Rides! ( 2 month preview )

### January 20, 2007 at Bear Creek

From 11am till whenever. Sloppy Joes and hot dogs provided. Hosted by **Harry & Mary Anne Edwards.** For more information call **440.247.0329** or send an email to **president@seatvclub.com** or **newsletter@seatvclub.com.** Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 8-10, and \$5 for spectators. Campfire included.

### February 17, 2007 at Dale's in Southington, Ohio

Further information to be announced at the January meeting.



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## Mark Your Calendars - Rides! Rides! Rides! (Future Rides at a Glance)

**April 1, 2007\*** OMTA Spring Poker Run

**April 14, 2007\*** Rumble on the Ridge

**May 26, 2007\*** Rumble on the Ridge

**September 9, 2007\*** OMTA Fall Poker Run

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## REMEMBER.....

Brian, our vice president notifies me when members renew or new members join BUT.....

You need to come to a meeting to receive your FREE t-shirt that now comes with your membership.

The club is NOT going to get into the habit of mailing them to you unless you live over 100 miles away like a few of our members do. That would just be too costly!



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### **OMTA Update**

They held an executive level meeting with the ODNR. The session produced model legislation for the ODNR to provide more funds dedicated to motorized recreation. It added language to the ODNR's budget bill to fix Ohio's APV law. Getting the law fixed will restore reciprocity and provide funding for more off pavement recreation. Mistakes and additions to the Omnibus Bill cost us this years opportunity, but chances are good for a stand alone bill in 2007. They received a Polaris grant and part of it will be used for matching a RTP grant for the WNF.

## President's Corner

# Happy New Year!

Mat Mesarchik, a club member and member of the OMTA contacted me about the upcoming Cycle World International Motorcycle Show at the IX Center which also has ATVs at it. He asked me if we could get a couple of volunteers to staff the NOHVCC booth for a few hours. (National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council). I will be going and need a couple other volunteers to attend with me. This will be a GREAT way to promote our club to the public. We are staffing the booth Sunday, January 28, from around 9:30am till noon. Contact me if interested.

A brief comment on the importance of our upcoming reverse raffle. This is the **PRIMARY** funding for our club and its success depends on **YOU**, the club members. By each of us doing our part by purchasing and/or selling tickets, by volunteering to help the night of the event, or by collecting donations for our Chinese auction it will be a **HUGE** success!

NOHVCC "Creating a Positive Future for Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation"

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

The RTP provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. It is an assistance program of the US Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Each state administers its own program. Each state develops its own procedures to solicit and select projects for funding. The Congress authorized the RTP for \$60 million in 2005, \$70 million in 2006, \$75 million in 2007, \$80 million in 2008, and \$85 million in 2009. Up to \$840,000 annually for program administration then the remainder of the funds are distributed to the states. Half of the funds are distributed equally among all states, the other half are distributed in proportion to the estimated amount of off road recreational fuel use in each state. Fuel used for off-road recreation by snowmobiles, ATVs, off-road motorcycles, and off-road light trucks. From 1993-1997 Ohio received \$941,972. Apportionments for Ohio from 1998-2004 totaled \$8,154,345. Our state contact person is:

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