



### 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:

September 14th

October 12th

November 9th

December ??  
Holiday Party!!

### **Meeting Location & Club Sponsor:**

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Todd & Ellen Meyers

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# SEATV News

### Club Officers:

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## Current Events

### Meeting Highlights

Wayne and Peggy Hickin hosted our dinner meeting serving a delicious sub along with chips and fabulous cookies.



Our Bi-Law Committee of Charlie Criss, Tom DeSantis Ken Greene, Bob Jakubiec, and Jim Piskac have already met and will present the membership with their recommendations no later than our November meeting. Thanks guys for taking on this important challenge.

Although the Wisconsin Ride didn't pan out several club members have expressed an interest in long distance rides where we fly to the destination and have our ATVs hauled out. If anybody else is interested in those type of adventures please let one of our officers know or drop them an email.

A small stock of t-shirts for new club members or renewed memberships have arrived. Contact Mary Anne Edwards at 440.247.0329 or send an email to [newsletter@seatvclub.com](mailto:newsletter@seatvclub.com) with your t-shirt size. T-shirts will be available at club meetings.

Discussion was held about holding our annual reverse raffle, which is our MAJOR fund raiser for the club, or trying something new like a night at the races or Mardi Gras night. Most of the members felt we should stay with what has been working. Suggestions were to move it to a more centralized location. Two mentioned locations were Ridge Manor Party Center and Bombers Squadron. Further discussion to be held at our September meeting.



## Getting to Know You

Welcome to **Cindy Cleckner** of Hinckley who joined our club in June after finding us on the internet while searching for ATV clubs in Ohio. She lives in Hinckley. She rides a Honda Rancher 350 in **RED**, because according to her "Red Rules!." Her first club ride was a Bubba Shack week-

end at the Wayne National Forest. She met our infamous Keith Wyant whom she thinks is a hoot! I do believe that was also the weekend he was nicknamed "Martha."

Cindy also attended our first annual "Girls Only" Ride in Pennsylvania at the Allegheny National

Forest. While the rest of us stayed in the lodge rooms at Forest Lodge Cindy roughed it in a tent. You go girl!



## Wayne National Forest News

Mark Criss and Scott Robison joined Keith Wyant over Labor Day weekend for a work weekend at the Wayne. They cut and cleared trails for 8 hours or so on both Saturday and Sunday in the Long Ridge part of Wayne. Riders were telling them areas that needed attention and were impassible due to downed trees. They were even thanked by some for volunteering their time. But the weekend wasn't all work, Keith told me that after dinner Sunday night around **10:30 PM** the three of them headed out on a **NIGHT RIDE!** They ventured down Dorr Run riding several trails and did not get back to the "Shack" till about **4:30 AM**. They had a blast. This being a side of Keith I have yet to see. On Monday they went and rode our sponsored Snake Hollow Trail picking up trash and clearing where needed. We will have a guest speaker in October from the forest service. Be sure not to miss this meeting, Wayne is Ohio's national forest riding area and some states are not as lucky as we are to have one.

## Ride Recaps!

### August 11-13 "Girls Only" Ride

Amanda Sponsler took charge and hosted this first ever event in our club history. While staying at Forest Lodge Campground we rode over **60 miles** on the Timberline and Marienville Trailheads in the Allegheny National Forest in PA. **9 ladies** attended this event. Saturday night we had a taco dinner that was GREAT! With phone help from my hubby and assistance from Karen Teichman I even learned how to change the spark plug on my quad

which came in handy when we had to fix Karen's later in that same morning. A big **THANKS** to Amanda Sponsler for setting up this trip that we decided should become an annual event.

### August 18-21 Ogemaw County Trails in Michigan

The Goldhamer family hosted this event. The campground was very nice including the swimming hole that several club members took advantage of after a long day of riding. Terry started us out lightly on Fri-

day with a *short ride* of about **20 miles**. On Saturday we ventured to the sand dunes riding around **50 miles**. Then on Sunday we ventured up to the well known **Pink Store** and the famous **Bull Gap hill**. That day we rode over **100 miles**. The rib and chicken club dinner was fantastic. We had a GREAT time, so much that they are planning a trip back in September. Look below for more information on that adventure.



## Ride Recaps (cont'd)

### September 9 - 7th Annual Red Bank Valley ATV Poker Run in Fairmont City, PA

Keith Wyant is hosting this ride occurring the same weekend this newsletter is being printed. Around 15-20 club members should have attended this ride with a Saturday night steak dinner. More update next month.

**RIDE RECAPS**, other club **NEWS**, or a **TIP** you might like to share with club members should be sent to [newsletter@seatvclub.com](mailto:newsletter@seatvclub.com) by the 25th of the month.

**September 16 Rumble on the Ridge in Adena, OH** Ride starts at 10 am. Cost \$15 per rider. 30+

## Upcoming Rides! ( 2 month preview )

miles of trails. Primitive camping at \$20 for 1 night or \$30 for a 2 nights. Located at 131 N. Mill Street in Adena, Ohio. Call Jim Piskac at 216.990.9901 for more information. **It's the FINAL one of the year!**

### **September 22-25 Return to Ogemaw County in MI**

Hosted by Terry Goldhamer and Harry Edwards because there are still hundreds of miles of trails we have not ridden. More info at the September meeting. Call Terry 440.247.7245 / Harry 440.477.0321

### **September 30-October 1 Marienville, PA Tour de Forest**

**September 30 Hopedale Sportsman Club Ride** it takes a few hours to complete. You can even ride the trails more than once. Cost \$15. Food on grounds. Free camping while spots last.

**October 13-15 Dale's Place in Garrettsville** hosted by the Edwards family. Camping with some electric sites are available. We are considering having our annual clam-bake at this event. More details at our September meeting.

### **October 20-22 Mud Drags at Four Seasons Resort, West Finley, PA**

Several club members have mentioned an interest in attending this event.

### **October 27-29 Bubba Shack Ride at Wayne (#5)**

This is your last chance this year to attend this ride hosted by Keith at the "Shack!" Camping is available at Camp Ohio with a discount for club members. Keith does a chocolate chip and blueberry pancake breakfast on Sunday. Call Keith Wyant for more information at 440.522.1519

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

**November 3-5\*** Rich's 3rd Annual "Been There, Broke That" Tour in Williamson, WV. Contact Rebecca or Rich Wiseman for more information at 440.346.2076

**November 19\*** Turkey Run at Mountain Ridge Trails in Central City, PA

**November 25\*** Hopedale Sportsman Club Ride

**December 10\*** Indian Creek Valley ATV Club open house/Christmas ride in White, PA

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**Ken  
Greene**



## A message from Todd Meyers - Regarding meeting location

### Yes...We're Open!

As most of you know, we are remodeling our dealership inside and out as we struggle to keep up with all of the construction dust and debris (we clean up one mess while the construction crew creates another one). I would like to personally thank all of you for being patient with us during these times. You may have noticed that we've knocked some walls down, put some walls up, there's a mud pit where our parking lot used

to be, we have no windows, and finding the entrance may require a map! That being said, we are thrilled with the progress we've made so far. Hopefully, you will find our new storefront more inviting (once we exchange the plywood for windows) and our interior customer-friendly. We expect the project to be completed by October or November 2006. In January 2007, we plan to begin construction of the second floor of the Service Department which will serve as our new

Club House. Once it is complete, all future meetings for the V.R.A Cleveland Chapter and the SEATV Riders will be held in the Club House. The Club House will have restrooms and a complete kitchen. Tables and chairs will be set up permanently....no more setting up and taking down for meetings!

Once again, I would like to thank you for your patience. Please stop in, and check out our latest *construction* and *destruction*.

## President's Corner

As we approach football season and fall here in Ohio our scheduled club rides are winding down.

As mentioned last month I am in the process of developing a sign in sheet for all hosted club rides with instructions on how to get reimbursed for your club meal. More information will be available at the September meeting and I plan to have this form available on our website for you to print off.

I am excited about the club members who are tackling the task of revising our club bi-laws. It is GREAT to see members take an interest in the club by volunteering their time for this very worthy purpose.

Volunteers are still needed to provide the club dinner at our October and November meetings. Let me know if you are willing to help.

In closing I wanted to express our sympathy to the Meyers family in their recent loss of Todd's nephew.

## ATV Safety for Kids

**Why doesn't somebody do something?** We hear this all the time when it comes to reducing accidents and fatalities associated with ATVs.

The National 4-H has developed several programs for youths, with the rapid growth of ATV recreation. A state 4-H ATV contest is held at our Ohio State Fair.

Going to the State Fair is exciting for any kid but adding the opportunity to compete in something they really like to do, like riding an ATV, and you have a big hit. Finalists from each county are sent to Columbus each August in three age groups: 9-13, 14-15, and 16-19. To become a champion, a youth competes in four areas:

- A written 20 multiple choice question exam
  - Identification of 10 parts on an ATV
    - An interview
    - Skill riding

The riding skills has separate challenges to find if the rider can safely operate all the ATV controls, and demonstrate proper riding technique. For more information on this program in Ohio go to

[www.4hengineering.osu.edu](http://www.4hengineering.osu.edu)

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