

## **ATV CLUB OF EASTERN ONTARIO INC.**

### **2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **History and Background**

This is the Club's first formal Annual Report since it came into existence.

The ATV Club of Eastern Ontario Inc. (the "Club") was incorporated in January 2005. It is a non-profit organization and is currently exempt from income taxes. The Club mainly serves the interests of ATV enthusiasts in Eastern Ontario and its main objective is to promote the safe operation of ATV's. In that regard, the Club has established and maintains several trails of which many are located in the Larose Forest in the county of Prescott and Russell. The Club also offers ATV riding courses, focussing on safety.

The Club had 242 members as at December 31, 2007 (2006: 208) and is part of the *Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs* (OFATV).

All of the Club's activities are provided by volunteers.

#### **Financial Performance**

*Revenue.* The revenue for 2007 totalled \$30,935 (2006: \$16,543). The increase in the 2007 revenue is mainly attributable to a \$10,000 grant that the Club received from the Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council (through the OFATV) as a contribution towards the costs that the Club incurred this year in developing new trails.

Revenue from the share of membership fees totalled \$8,851, a slight increase over 2006 (\$8,695). The Club's share of a typical \$140 annual membership fee paid by a member was about 29% of that total fee in 2007 and in prior years; the OFATV kept the balance of the membership fee to cover insurance costs as well as its operating costs. Starting with the introduction of the anniversary pass, meaning that a pass will be valid for one year from the date of issue, as of January 1, 2008, the Club's share of the \$140 annual membership fee will be about 52% of that fee. This new sharing of membership fee should provide additional revenue to the Club in future years.

Revenue from activities totalled \$9,754 (2006: \$5,961). The Club carried out two "poker runs" in 2007, one in conjunction with the Optimist Club of Hammond for the benefit of the research on Muscular Dystrophy and the other one in early December. These two events generated a net income of \$6,901; from this net income, the Club made donations totalling \$1,563 to local charity organizations.

*Expenditures.* Expenditures totalled \$31,862 in 2007 (2006: \$6,751). The increase in expenditures is mainly attributable to the opening of a new 26 km trail from the Township of Clarence-Rockland to township of Alfred-Plantagenet. The Club spent about \$15,000 to open that trail; as stated above, the Club received a \$10,000 grant towards the cost.

Trail maintenance is the other main area of expenditures. It totalled \$8,594 in 2007 (2006: \$1,900), a significant increase of about \$6,600 over 2006 which is mainly attributable to the winter trail grooming.

The net result for the 2007 year is an excess of expenditures over revenue of \$927 (2006: revenue over expenditures of \$9,792).

At the end of the year, assets totalled \$17,845 (2006: \$12,760) which were mainly made up of cash and accounts receivable while the liabilities totalled \$10,235 (2006: \$4,224) leaving then a net accumulated surplus of \$7,610 at the end of the year.

### **Activities**

The Club's main activities are the opening and maintenance of trails and the wardening (enforcement of regulations and laws) of these trails. The Club also carried out two poker runs as fund raising events in 2007 (see above).

During the year, the Club negotiated agreements with the Municipality of the Nation and the Township of Alfred-Plantagenet to use designated public roads and some unopened roads as ATV trails. The Club carried out significant work in opening a new trail in Plantagenet as discussed earlier; the work was completed in December. Much of the work relating to the opening of trails, such as building bridges and traffic signalization, in the Municipality of the Nation should be undertaken in 2008. The Club has now about 300 km of trails; of which though, about 75 to 100 km need to be signed and cleared in the Casselman – St-Albert area.

A director heads the wardening function with a force of 9 wardens.

### **Looking Forward**

The Club's long term view included the expansion of its trail system further east and south in Eastern Ontario. It plans to reach Hawkesbury in 2008 and eventually to reach Pointe Fortune at the Québec border. Its also plans to reach Dundas county in the south in the coming year or in 2009. The expansion of the trail system is very dependant upon obtaining proper authorization from the concerned municipal governments and the availability of volunteers to help out. Indeed, the more volunteers that get involved, the faster the Club will be able to open new trails and repair existing ones.

In early 2008, the OFATV has signed an agreement with the Eastern Ontario Trail Alliance (EOTA) allowing their members reciprocal access to each other respective trails. Talks are ongoing with another Eastern Ontario ATV club about joining the OFATV; in the event that this would materialize, this would increase the number of trails that the Club's members could use without incurring additional charge.

### **Web Site**

The Club maintains a Web Site (<http://www.atv-vtteo.org>). It provides up to date information on trail conditions, events and activities and more other useful information. We encourage you to visit the site on a regular basis.

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