



INDIAN CREEK VALLEY ATV CLUB

NEW YEARS NEWS

We are looking forward to another great year in 2024.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOE PERRY

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- **February 7th at 7pm**
Club Meeting Online via Webex. Link will be emailed

- Spring Trail Workday
TBA

- 2024 events TBD

- Thank you to our club members for sharing their pictures! Please continue to share your adventures as posts on facebook!

FIRST WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO

- We have applied for a DCNR grant to purchase 61 acres of land that we currently lease. We already have existing trails on the property but would like to explore cutting additional trails once we own the land.
- Completing any needed repairs to our bridges and repainting where needed.
- Adding to our single track trails and continuing to vigorously maintain our ATV/UTV trails.
- Continuing to look for additional property to lease so we can expand our riding area.
- Now that COVID has subsided we would like to reinstitute club activities such as the club picnic and organized trips. Please contact the club if you're interested in helping organize such events.



By Fred Lamolinara



By Doug Mickinak



By Bob Wotisky



By Chris Roberts

CHALLENGES WE FACE

Just like any other group or agency, money is always an issue. We as a group, officers, and board members every year are faced with the option of what to do about membership fees and the cost to run the club. Many members may not know the financial challenges that we as an off-road club face every year. The largest financial burden we face is insurance, and while our insurance is lower than other clubs and organizations, it is only because of the safety practices that we require. We require that all members have at least Liability insurance and registration on the ATV'S /UTV'S and liability insurance on dirt bikes. Plus, we require all members to wear a helmet no matter what they drive/ride. This requirement is to protect our members, our leases on the land/landowners, and to protect us as a club with our own assets.

Maintaining trails, roads, signs, equipment buildings, and parking areas. Almost on



By Fred Lamolinara

a weekly basis club volunteers are repairing signs, fences, and poles that are damaged either by people who run over them or by storms. Again, a lot of those signs are there for insurance purposes, especially along the road areas. Having almost 900 acres requires an equally large effort to maintain all the trails and hills. The club relies on volunteers to accomplish this huge feat, we have a volunteer group of about 7-10 people who work on scheduled ICV work days and during the week when they are available to complete things that need done. Trimming trails in the summer is

another challenge as the weed growth becomes a problem.

We are always looking for help in these areas, if you can spare some time to participate in a work day, you can either reach out to one of the officers, send an email to the club (icvatvclub1@gmail.com), or post on the facebook page. Another way members can help is by donating things that can be used to build or repair parts of the areas we maintain or our buildings we store things in. Advertising our club, more membership means more money, so we are always looking for good members who respect the property they ride on and the laws we must abide by. Anyone who has an expertise in this area and wants to get involved let us know, even if it is just putting brochures in dealerships service areas, sales areas, or at local campgrounds.

Taking care of our website and facebook page. Our website and facebook are handled in some fashion by the officers and directors of this club, so anyone that can help as a website manager or social media liaison is welcome to get involved.

QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED BY MEMBERS

Why don't we allow camping at our club?

Our club is a little different in the way the trails/ground is located. We have many neighbors close by both in our trail areas and in the parking areas. These neighbors and our insurance do not believe we have a suitable location for camping. There are many campgrounds close by if you want to get a place to camp and it's good for the club to promote local businesses. In return we get members from the campgrounds, and we do not have to patrol or set more rules about that particular service.

Why don't we have more night rides?

While it is a lot of fun, it is a lot of responsibility on a few people to conduct night rides. If someone wants to conduct them, we are open for volunteers. Stipulations are not to impose on property owners and hunting season and for insurance reasons someone must be present to make sure all participants can make their way back to the parking areas by the time allotted. Again, anyone who would like to take charge of such a ride should email the club or come to our regular online meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. The meeting link will be emailed and posted on our Facebook page the day of the meeting.

LAST COMMENTS ON MONEY /FUNDRAISERS/MEMBERSHIP FEES

Over the last 5 years our club membership has grown from around 250 to over 500 members. We believe this is due to the fact that we are a family friendly, well-maintained club that promotes fun and safe riding. We are committed to maintaining our trails to the highest standards and we have been fortunate to apply for and receive numerous grants from Yamaha, Polaris, and DCNR on a regular basis that helps defray some of the cost of trail maintenance. Last year we completed construction of our trailhead building with a garage, heated bathrooms, running water, and an office for club use. This building was made possible through a \$250,000 grant from DCNR. This is your ATV/UTV registration money being put to use for riders and clubs. Last year for the first time in over 10 years we raised our fees by \$15. The primary reason for this is the cost of insurance and supplies the club must purchase to maintain our buildings and trails.

So as the President of the United States would say, the state of the union (club) is sound and we are looking forward to another great year of riding.

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