

Huron Shores ATV Club December 2017 Newsletter

About Us,

Huron Shores ATV Club is a group of local ATV enthusiasts. The Club originally started with three individuals, some great ideas, and lots of enthusiasm. And of course, a great plan.

Incorporated in 2000, it has now grown to include over 200 members, and over 100 kilometers of maintained, multi-use trail. The network of trails is shared with hikers, horses and snowmobiles.

Our trails currently connect to neighboring Clubs including West Grey ATV Club, and Dufferin Grey ATV Club. We are presently working to connect to the South Bruce Peninsula ATV Club. When complete, this will give riders a 2 day trip.

Members of HSATV CLUB gather every month for a Club meeting. Each board member of the Club are ATV enthusiasts, so you have ATV'ers working for ATV'ers.

The variety of our Club trails include photo opportunities along rail trails, forest trails and just about anything you can think of. The lower route 1 trail takes you past barn ruins. Bring your cameras!

We support local business with our trails. Our plan is to have the trails go past the smaller towns, so our riders can enjoy their hospitality, food, fuel and whatever their needs.

Within the HSATV group, we have several trail patrols that monitor our trail system frequently. Most often question we get asked is "where are the trails"? Browse through our website, it's all posted here. You can print maps, and soon you will be able to load them on your smart phone or GPS. When you purchase a membership to our Club, you will get a current map of our system, Club info and best of all, the opportunity to ride your ATV and make new friends.

See ya on the trails

From the President:

Hello Fellow Club Members and ATV Enthusiasts,

As the 2017 ATV season draws to a close I thought I would give you a few of the Club highlights and accomplishments for the year.

First and foremost, I want to thank Club Members for their support. By purchasing a pass and supporting HSATV your dollars are put to work locally to build and maintain trails for your enjoyment. We have made major investments in the trails this year to keep them safe and enjoyable for all. I also want to thank the hard-working volunteers that put in countless hours to maintain our trails and perform the "behind the scenes" work that makes our Club a success.



Last but not least a special thanks to the County of Bruce. Without them our trails would not exist. The folks at the County (Trails and Forestry) are always available to help us with advice on planning and maintenance.

As always, our Club cannot operate without volunteers. Whether it's trail maintenance, Wardon activity or on the Board of Directors the Club can always use volunteers. If you have a few hours to spare during the season we could use your help. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for maintenance days and also Club rides and events. Contact information is included below.

Thanks again for your support and see you in the spring

Eric

Trails:



our biggest capital outlay this year was the rehabilitation of the Culross Tract near Wingham (Also know as Route 1 and John Michael McGlynn Trail). The Club with guidance from the County of Bruce invested more than thirty thousand dollars in this 5-km section of trail. Two weeks work with a local heavy equipment contractor and hundreds of tons of gravel has resulted in a true multi-use trail that is enjoyable for all motorized and non-motorized activities. The County is working on a fencing project in this area with the intent to keep vehicles off this trail.



An additional five thousand dollars was spent on various smaller trail projects this season to improve safety and make the trails suitable for all users. As usual each year many hours are invested by volunteers completing various maintenance work on the trails (signs must be replaced, cut grass and weeds and trees cut and trimmed to provide a safe trail)



🥌 We are working on a 2-year project to widen our gates from 60 inches to 72 inches to accommodate all side x sides. This will make the trails accessible to side x sides but keep out vehicles



We contracted a local company to apply liquid calcium on sections of the trail. This was in response to homeowner complaints about dust impacting their property. This will be an on-going project over the years.



is underway with the County of Bruce to add additional loops to the existing trails. This work will continue over the winter. We are hopeful that we will have secured permission before spring.



Me are working on a new map which will include much more detail and will be available in a printed brochure as well as on-line.



📤 Per our Land Use Agreement with the County the trails must be inspected twice a month for safety issues and reports submitted.



The Club funds a port-a-potty at Chepstow Road for your convenience.

Membership:



Our investment in our web site is paying off with many passes sold online via our website. Please visit https://huronshoresatvclub.org/membership/ to purchase or renew a trail pass.



We have also invested in technology to have the ability to sell passes and receive payment via a credit card on the trail.



We have received and responded to over 150 inquires this season via email. Our contact page on the HSATV website has made is easy for members and quests to get answers to their questions.

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Club Meetings:

Club meeting are every second Tuesday at Harley's PUB in Mildmay. Meeting start is 7 PM and usually run 1 ½ hours.

No meetings January, February and March

Come early and enjoy the great food