

2012 Is Over and We're Off to a Great New 2013 Off-Road Season!

by Ed Arinello, President



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Protecting Your Right to Ride!

Well riders, if you're reading this, then your calendar went beyond 12.21.2012 like the rest of ours. You're also probably thrilled to move on from 2012 and into 2013 and see what it has to offer.

From what I see, here are key things 2013 will be bringing us.

A jump start into the off-road motorcycle, trials, ATV, mountain bike, 4WD, rally and even street riding opportunities! Whichever or however you enjoy, 2013 is going to be action packed and full of opportunities.

Here are a few of our key focus points to ensure we help this fund our leading edge and fast growing Youth Safety Education Program (YSEP). We're even working on a plan to help those of us coming in later or just wanting to dial in our skills with OMRA Rider Education & Skill Training Programs. We are slated to start instructions for instructors by March - join in or look for it. We are looking to increase our youth offering and participation. Clubs are looking for new ways to add to the family fun we can offer. We're looking to girls and women to join in and boost the fun even more this year. Get ahold of our club contacts or volunteer to make this a great year for everyone.

With your help we are ready to rebuild, re-open and create access to more areas and trails. The OMRA and some of our partner volunteers and peers are actively in pursuit of new solutions to travel-management issues. A team is moving forward with the advocacy and successful progression of a bill to bring the very safe rider-fit program to motorcycles for our youth. We are pursuing ways to bring access to more single track up as well as improve management and use of multi-use areas. You might hear us pursuing positive sound management actions to ensure our riding for the future. Let us know if you think you can add to our success.

On the competition side of things, the competition committee, OMRA clubs and promoters have worked together to come up with some great ways to make competition more accessible, more fun and more streamlined. If you've got the time and resources to help your club maximize the quality and fun in one of the events, step in and step up to the plate to make it happen! These clubs have been taking notes all year on how to keep improving what we do. Don't just sit on your Iphone, Android, the internet, in the parking lot, in your trailer or on the trail and take up space and time; give something to your investment in fun and this sport. YOU can help make great things happen! Make the call!

So what's in all this for you besides great riding and a whole lot of fun? We are hard at work looking for great benefits for you the riders, rider support, partnerships, discounts, contingencies, awards programs, prizes, donations and corporate grant support. None of this happens without YOU! We are looking for helpers, volunteers, committee members and coordinators from all over the state. Join in the fun of making great things happen. Just call or email any OMRA representative and we will get you in touch with the right person.

So, here we go, you, your family and friends and all of us into a great new 2013! See you on the trail!



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OMRA Members and Partners Recognized Nationally!

National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), as a national body of OHV recreation enthusiasts, develops and provides a wide spectrum of programs, materials and information, or "tools", to individuals, clubs, associations and agencies in order to further a positive future for responsible OHV recreation. In 2012 there was plenty of recognition from NOHVCC to Oregon.

NOHVCC 2012 State Association of the Year: OMRA

The OMRA was recognized for its strong statewide leadership, support, advocacy and extensive contributions to the Oregon off-road community. Tom Niemela serves as the OMRA representative to the NOHVCC. Tom works diligently to ensure OMRA gets nationwide representation and partnership.



NOHVCC 2012 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award: Rick Higgins

At its annual conference in August 2012, NOHVCC awarded Rick Higgins of Hood River, Oregon the 2012 Volunteer of the Year award for his tireless and lengthy history of service in several states including Oregon, Arizona and Washington. In Hood River County alone, he volunteered an average of 400 hours a year on its trail system for over two decades. He is a member of the Hood River County Recreational Trails Committee representing the Motorized Group and currently president of the Columbia Gorge Off-Road Association, which provides numerous volunteers to support the Hood River County trail system.



NOHVAA Special Recognition Award: Dave Hiatt

The Special Recognition Award recognizes a state, provincial or federal program administrator, or leader of a non-profit club, for significant achievement in contributing to and furthering the sport of OHV recreation. For 2012, the new award went to Dave Hiatt, OHV Recreation Specialist in the Oregon Department of Forestry's Tillamook District.

"Dave has made significant positive changes in the state of Oregon and we want to thank him for all he's done," said Minnesota DNR's Ron Potter in presenting the award. "He's a very avid rider and enthusiast and is aware of what is needed. He's created very sustainable trails, and has made great improvements to the trail facilities in his area. He's moved a lot of trails off the road and put them in the woods where they should be. And he's done this without a lot of support, doing what he knows is the right thing to do."



2012 OMRA ATV / Quads

AA				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
68T	HON	Mike	Bender	Pasco
52T	HON	Sean	McHugh	Enumclaw
75T	Temp		Brown	
Expert				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
84M	KTM	Keith	Wilson	Yelm
21M	SUZ	Isaac	Wilson	Yelm
10M	KAW	Jeff	Peters	Benton City
23M	KAW	Kevin	Humbard	Terrebonne
35M	YAM	Clayton	Peterson	Palmyra
81M	HON	Mary	McHugh	Enumclaw
77M	POL	John	Sapp	Clackamas
27M	SUZ	Ed	Arianiello	Sherwood
Amateur				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
33i	HON	Al	Richards	Washougal
43i	SUZ	Ken	Rada	Newberg
52i	SUZ	Justin	Wulf	Metolius
23i	YAM	Casey	Riley	Bend
Women				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
33L	KTM	Suzie	Richards	Washougal
11i	HON	Rebecca	Jordan	Buxton
Junior Amateur				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
11JD	SUZ	Kim	Jordan	Buxton
78JD	POL	Andrew	Sapp	Clackamas
77JD	POL	Bryant	Sapp	Clackamas
Junior Expert				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
21JH	YAM	David	Peters	Benton City
Beginner				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
18JJ	SUZ	Emily	Jordan	Buxton
Utility				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
24G	YAM	Jon	Spears	Washougal
7G	CAN	Bryon	Paler	Salem

2012 OMRA GP Series

AA				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
82AA	KTM	Chris	Conway	Gresham
77AA	KTM	Bryan	Stokosa	North Bend
10AA	KAW	Jason	Matheny	Vancouver
29AA	HUSA	Colby	Green	
84AA	KTM	Joseph	Herriman	Bend
25AA	KTM	Dan	Harte	Camas
56AA	KTM	Ryen	Reid	Tigard
VA (38+)				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
13VA	KTM	Dan	Jordan	Buxton
36VA	YAM	Eric	Cleveland	Oregon City
8VA	KTM	Don	Boespflug	Battle Ground
33VA	KTM	Gary	Piazza	Vancouver
Open Ex				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
1AX	KTM	Blake	Babcock	Sherwood
13X	HON	Niko	Gabaldo	Wenatchee
55X	KAW	Skip	Johnson	Gresham
12X	KTM	Austin	McLaughlin	Vancouver
18X	KTM	Erik	Hassebroek	The Dalles
15X	HON	Pat	Corelli	Hood River
77X	KTM	Kenny	Worley	Albany
34X	KAW	Brandon	Long	Eugene
27X	SUZ	Tommy	Bunch	Bend
54X	GG	Bob	Davis	Bend
22X	HON	Trent	Hoffman	Hillsboro
63X	KTM	Jake	MacDonald	Dallas
44X	KTM	Travis	Naeve	Hillsboro
95X	HON	Michael	Spears	Cascade Locks
48X	KTM	Justin	Tester	Medford
20X	HON	Daniel	Wood	Estacada
200 Ex				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
66Z	SUZ	David	Laferriere	Medford
17XZ	HON	Larry	Huskey	Hood River
96Z	KTM	Robert	Sumner	LaPine
42Z	KTM	Richard	Johnson	Eugene
30+ Ex				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
84U	YAM	Zach	Druckrey	Bend
99U	HON	Adam	Jopp	Black
72U	KTM	Harley	Mauck	Snohomish
26U	KAW	Jesse	Alton	Dayton

2012 OMRA GP Series Cont'd

30+ Ex Cont'd				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
53U	KTM	Jared	Mooney	Selah
47U	KTM	Scott	Autry	Gresham
37U	HON	James	Coleman	Troutdale
57U	KAW	Jon	Beaver	Sweet Home
12U	KTM	James	Harris	Banks
41U	HON	Seth	Stanfield	Wasco
13U	HON	Barney	Volk	Fairview
62U	HON	Josh	Huffman	Tillamook
82U	HON	Shawn	Parsons	Creswell
18U	KTM	Damon	Pocholec	Springfield
31U	KTM	Jeremy	Roat	Oakridge
78U	YAM	Shad	Thibodeau	Vancouver
44U	KTM	Jeff	Tomlinson	Bend
22U	KTM	Kristian	Willman	Bend
51U	KTM	Zach	Cochran	Bend
40+ Ex				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
21V	KTM	Houston	Landrus	Colton
16V	KTM	Mike	Keinsmith	Hood River
40V	KTM	Dawn	Stob	Vancouver
15V	KTM	Rick	Boyer	Portland
88V	KTM	Scott	Aldridge	LaPine
11V	KTM	Steve	DeGeyter	Grants Pass
26V	KTM	Shawn	Johnson	Trout Lake
78V	KTM	Ron	Hughes	Portland
9V	KTM	Steve	Wobber	Vancouver
33V	GAS	Ace	Nilson	Reno
27V	KTM	Ed	Arianiello	Sherwood
10V	KTM	Tommy	Cleveland	Ashland
31V	KTM	Rick	Goodman	McMinnville
60V	YAM	Martin	Grant	Happy Valley
49V	HON	Mark	Grell	Bend
69V	HON	Chris	Ousley	St. Helens
71V	HON	Andy	Webber	Troutdale
18V	KTM	Karl	Ylonen	LaCenter
50+ Ex				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
1R	HUSQ	Mark	Johnson	Bend
74R	KTM	Rick	Newman	Hillsboro
29R	KTM	Stephen	Thornton	Vancouver
61R	KTM	Jeff	Nicholson	Sherwood
28R	KTM	Don	Housley	Scappoose
41R	KTM	Chip	Johnston	Gardnerville
35R	KTM	Vincent	Taft	Lafayette
50R	KTM	Jeff	Stob	Vancouver
5R	KTM	Dave	Schmidt	Bend
8R	YAM	Tom	Watson	Hood River
39R	YAM	Steve	Anderson	Gresham
58R	KTM	Donald, Jr.	Naeve	Hillsboro
2R	KTM	Mike	Emery	Bend
68R	KTM	Ellis	Cookman	Portland
18R	YAM	Brian	Edwards	Bend
11R	HUSA	Steve	Sprague	Bend
7R	KTM	Tim	Sullivan	Goldendale
75R	HUSA	Randy	Haugstad	Hillsboro
14R	KTM	Tom	Niemela	Hillsboro
Open Am				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
25A	HON	Richard	Guilmette	Amity
10A	KAW	Eric	Wimber	Hood River
43A	KTM	Justin	Beard	Oregon City
94A	KTM	Alan	Jordan	Buxton
40A	HON	Matt	Bird	Dundee
8A	HON	Bryan	Cowan	Newberg
34A	YAM	Nick	Dayton	Eugene
28A	HON	Brandon	Clayton	Astoria
89A	KTM	Tristan	Earls-Propst	Longview
57A	HUSA	Paul	Etter	Madras
48A	KTM	Cody	Hancock	Camas
11A	SUZ	Jordan	Huffman	Parkdale
37A	KTM	Jonathan	Nagel	Eugene
38A	KTM	Allen	Sword	Hermiston
200 Am				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
17E	KTM	Jason	Veal	Portland
15E	HON	Hunter	Evans	Vancouver
21E	KTM	Walker	Gardipee	Mosier
99E	KTM	John	Lynch	Powell Butte
25E	HON	Paul	Henke	Hood River
18E	SUZ	Guy	Randall	Troutdale
98E	YAM	Aaron	Rudick	Cornelius
19E	KTM	Robby	Nilson	Reno
14E	KTM	Matthew	Arianiello	Sherwood
66E	HON	Chayse	Sattler	Dundee
37E	KAW	Stephen	Weaver	Hillsboro
88E	YAM	Jeremy	Cervantes	Hood River

2012 OMRA GP Series Cont'd

30+ Am				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
42D	HON	Ryan	Brush	Renton
17D	KTM	Woody	Evans	Vancouver
55D	KTM	Jeff	Fink	White Salmon
24D	KTM	Chamocco	Ferrell	Camas
77D	HON	Larry	Soderberg	Lafayette
57D	YAM	Bill	Gober	Newcastle
8D	KTM	Nathan	Harte	Portland
3D	KTM	Sam	Haney	Gresham
56D	KTM	Brad	Beckett	Astoria
33D	YAM	Matt	Richards	Trout Lake
11D	KTM	Dan	Christopher	Fairview
66D	KAW	Donivan	McCord	Gresham
20D	HON	Dan	Costello	Bend
34D	KAW	Bill	Mitchell	Newberg
18D	KTM	Jack	Alltucker	Bend
14D	YAM	Jeffrey	Anderson	Hillsboro
21D	KTM	Carrie	Barton	Corvallis
36D	KTM	Greg	Pierce	Molalla
23D	KAW	Casey	Riley	Bend
44D	YAM	Chad	Schmidt	E. Wenatchee
65D	HUSQ	Corey	Stiff	Yamhill
40+ Am				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
21F	KTM	Elliott	Horne	Forest Grove
20F	KTM	John	Evans	Vancouver
27F	HON	Lynn	Gray	Hillsboro
98F	KTM	Ian	Jurgenson	Bend
99F	KTM	Matt	Eby	The Dalles
10F	YAM	Todd	Wilson	Rhododendron
23F	HON	Carl	Feague	Happy Valley
4F	KTM	Joe	McLaughlin	Vancouver
12F	KTM	John	Younger	Bend
2F	KTM	Alex	Oh	Tigard
91F	KTM	Scott	Schon	Bend
15F	HON	Todd	Iverson	Banks
8F	KTM	Jay	Fitzsimmons	Vancouver
31F	KTM	Chris	Rasmussen	Newberg
33F	KTM	Tom	Sattler	Dundee
65F	KTM	Wade	McLeod	Wasco
66F	KAW	Michael	DeMello	Hood River
40F	YAM	Darin	Bowden	Eugene
71F	HUSQ	Mike	Caruso	Jacksonville
26F	HUSA	David	Evers	Forest Grove
50F	SUZ	Brian	Fullen	Jefferson
18F	KTM	Doug	Horn	Happy Valley
25F	KTM	Buddy	Houston	Dallas
9F	KTM	Tom	Konick	Lake Oswego
64F	KTM	Chris	McCamman	Damascus
24F	YAM	Eric	Scott	Harrisburg
50+ Am				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
61Y	HUSQ	Nelson	Lyon	Milwaukie
29Y	HON	Bryan	Newcom	Portland
31Y	KTM	Ron	Laffranchi	E. Wenatchee
86Y	KTM	David	Beede	Eugene
24Y	HON	Hughie	Baker	Keizer
77Y	HUSQ	Lonny	Johnson	Eugene
50Y	SUZ	Steve	Costello	Bend
44Y	KTM	Pete	Wilhelm	Eugene
65Y	KTM	Ron	Collins	Tualatin
60+ Am				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
55Q	HUSQ	Craig	Stiff	The Dalles
60Q	HON	Richard	Welch	
61Q	KTM	Rick	McLure	Cashmere
12Q	KTM	Wayne	Davis	Oakland
13Q	KAW	Gunny	Claypoole	West Linn
15Q	KTM	Bill	Cragar	Bend
16Q	YAM	Joe	Barrell	Aurora
43Q	KTM	Fred	Parton	Richland
44Q	KTM	Joe	Corder	Kennewick
49Q	YAM	Jon	Hitch	Bend
56Q	KTM	Darryl	Reid	Newberg
81Q	GAS	Richard	Wilson	Coburg
70+ Am				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
42P	KTM	Barry	Ballew	Worley
111P	KTM	Clarence	Pitts	Bandon
Women				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
21W	KAW	Brittney	Conway	Gresham
22W	KTM	Carrie	Mosher	Gresham
24W	HON	Christy	Kastler	Selah
16W	YAM	Jacki	Stern	Mosier
17W	KTM	Kalyn	Benaroya	Hood River

OMRA 2012 XC Series Cont'd

40+ Am Cont'd				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
71F	HUSQ	Mike	Caruso	Jacksonville
64F	KTM	Chris	McCamman	Damascus
4F (gp)	KTM	Joe	McLaughlin	Vancouver
52F	KTM	Kent	Wulf	Metolius
18F	KTM	Doug	Horn	Happy Valley
40F	YAM	Darin	Bowden	Eugene
30F	KAW	Sean	Weathers	Post Falls
9F	KTM	Tom	Konicke	Lake Oswego
31F	KTM	Chris	Rasmussen	Newberg
63F	KTM	Tom	Corniliac	Bend
26F	HUSA	David	Evers	Forest Grove
2F (gp)	KTM	Alex	Oh	Tigard
72F	KTM	Richard	Jahns	Coeur D Alene
73F	KTM	Mark	VanderWeyden	Albany
68F	KTM	Kace	Allen	Cottage Grove
15F	KTM	Tim	Clay	Newberg
66F	KAW	Michael	DeMello	Hood River
32F	HON	Carl	Feague	Happy Valley
50F	SUZ	Brian	Fullen	Jefferson
93F	HUSQ	Mike	Ginter	Brush Prairie
65F	HON	Chad	Hill	Portland
48F	KTM	Wendie	Hohman	Bend
49F	KTM	Michael	Hoover	LaPine
43F	HUSQ	Tim	Troffer	Camas
61F	KAW	Daniel	Simmons	Redmond
12F	KTM	Johns	Younger	Bend
50+ Am				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
86Y	KTM	David	Beede	Eugene
3Y	KTM	Bob	Hasch	Hermiston
11Y	KTM	Stephen	Agee	Winchester
14Y	KTM	Rick	Rohan	Merlin
65Y	KTM	Ron	Collins	Tualatin
54Y	KTM	Milo Jon	Linville	Damascus
22Y	KTM	Scott	Mills	Aurora
24Y	HON	Hughie	Baker	Keizer
26Y	YAM	James Paul	Enterline	Portland
44Y	KTM	Pete	Wilhelm	Eugene
50Y	SUZ	Steve	Costello	Bend
77Y	HUSQ	Lonny	Johnson	Eugene
60+ Am				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
11Q	KTM	Avery	Jones	Corvallis
81Q	GG	Richard	Wilson	Coburg
61Q	KTM	Richard	McJne	Cashmere
43Q	KTM	Fred	Parton	Richland
56Q	KTM	Darryl	Reid	Newberg
27Q	KTM	Robert	Oborne	Bend
15Q	KTM	Bill	Cragar	Bend
44Q	KTM	Joe	Corder	Kennewick
12Q	KTM	Wayne	Davis	Oakland
55Q	HUSQ	Craig	Stiff	The Dalles
18Q	YAM	Kevin	Walker	Idleyd Park
51Q	KTM	Bill	Law	Beaverton
13Q	KAW	Gunny	Claypoole	West Linn
16Q	YAM	Joe	Barrell	Aurora
38Q	KTM	Jack	Stegenga	Olympia
49Q	YAM	Jon	Hitch	Bend
59Q	KTM	Willy	Brown	Burns
70+ Am				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
37P	KTM	Bob	Graham	Eugene
	KTM	Billy	Craig	
42P	KTM	Barry	Ballew	Worley
4P	SUZ	Billy	Toman	Oregon City
11P	KTM	Gary	Bonds	Damascus
111P	KTM	Clarence	Pitts	Bandon
Women				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
19W	KTM	Laura	Stephenson	Forest Grove
22W	HON	Carrie	Mosher	Oregon City
20W	KTM	Jolene	Winters	Bend
17W	KTM	Kalyn	Benaroya	Hood River
16W	YAM	Jacki	Sterner	Mosier

OMRA 2012 XC Series Cont'd

Beginner				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
36B	KTM	Clay	Hoffman	Springfield
11B	YAM	Mark	Mills	Aurora
15B	KAW	Justin	Clayton	Brookings
45B	YAM	Tanner	Keim	Stayton
25B	KTM	Richard	Freitag	Portland
9B	KTM	Chris	Jordan	Banks
16B	KTM	Michael	Burrus	Woodinville
20B	KTM	Ken	Lindhorst	Beaverton
50B	HON	Milo "MJ"	Linville	Damascus
77B	KTM	Mike	Steele	Post Falls
Junior Ex				
#	Brand	First	Last	City
23JX	KTM	Max	Harte	Camas
33JX	KTM	Parker	Bryant	Central Point

1st

1st
2nd
3rd

Dualsport 2012	Totals
Gene Sigfrid	440
Gary Lande	295
Don Newman	280
Jim Loveall	240
David Bowden	230
John Gedusky	205
LeRoy Knight	200
Tom Niemela	185
Dave Zuber	180
Bill Law	175
Russ Brummert	150
Brain Buffington	150
Lonny Johnson	130
George Flanagan	125
Gordon Lawrence	125
Steve Steel	125
Brian Baisinger	120
Billy Toman	110
Brian Bucknam	100
Michael Brown	90
Craig Stiff	75
Michael Dixon	70
Randy Haugstad	65
Joel Weitzel	20



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Winter Riding can be AWESOME in the Northwest!
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Winter is setting in, prep for a great and safe ride. Winter riding here in the Northwest can be deadly. Even if you subscribe to the school of thought that if you get stuck out there or injured, you'll just set your bike on fire and

people will come running. Remember even having enough fuel and radiator fluid can present a challenge in these conditions. Check the day and overnight forecast. **BE PREPARED!**

COLD WEATHER GEAR - beanie, H2O proof gear and H2O proof gloves, warm & cool layers, warm socks, goggle wipes, and no-fog cloth.

YOU & OTHER RIDER SAFETY - snacks for overnight, matches, fire starter, knife/multiplier, safety blanket/shelter, flashlight, batteries, map, and first Aid kit

*Shield Radiators and carb from debris and cold snow

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Winter Riding in Oregon

by Tom Niemela

That time of the year has come. The sun has gone into hibernation, the skies have darkened, the soil is saturated, the long delay before riding in luscious loam is many moons away, and the whining by riders unable to ride has commenced. Most riders find a corner of their garage and park their rides. Don't abandon hope, there is still riding to be had in the winter in Oregon!

East - For the eastern half of the state, you are destined for snow and ice, and riding of a different sort has just presented itself. Normal, soft-terrain bumpy tires will get you plenty of places if there is dirt under the blanket of snow, but it can be very sketchy if icy, so consider riding with studded tires! It offers double opportunities into your riding season simply at the cost of studding and tire changing. There are a number of options for "studding up" ranging from Trelleborg or Michelin studded tires, stud add-ons (dirtstuds.com or koldkutter.com), basic car studs or even the simplicity of standard screws. There are plenty of articles out on the web that discuss the pros and cons of each, (stay with carbide tips if you can) so check them out!

Snow depth can be a limiting factor, as once it gets over your axles, your foot pegs start to drag and solid traction for the studs to connect with are farther down. Also be careful of obstacles you cannot see due to the deeper snow, such as rocks and stumps – don't ask how I know! Ideal conditions for studded tires are when the snow is frozen hard on top. You can then go almost anywhere and not have to worry about sinking into the crust and/or hitting stumps and rocks.

Other considerations when out winter riding are for everyone to bring a small saw or wood zig in your backpack. There WILL be windfalls and, instead of riding over or around the fallen wood, cut a path out of that obstacle! You may already be cold, so this is an opportunity to warm up and help with trail maintenance. And since there really is not that many people

out riding in winter, your path will be opened for your next outing.

You might also want to bring along warming items, such as pocket heaters or hand warmers, electric grip heaters, etc. I don't personally have grip heaters, but my friends swear by them. Other warming ideas are, when stopped, take off your gloves and set them on your muffler, which is always slightly cooler, but still hot enough, to warm them up, as opposed to setting them on the exhaust (as it exits the motor), therefore not burning a hole in your gloves. Wrap some electrical tape around your levers, so the cold metal does not transfer into your digits.

West - The west side of our great state has considerably much more foliage and obstacles. Studded tires apply here also! Items you've feared in the past winters such as roots, logs and ice now become traction! The only real spot to back off the gas and brakes is when on rocks, otherwise pin it and have a blast!

On the west side, we as riders must be more considerate of our fragile trail systems, as erosion and Ma Nature can wreak havoc. Carrying a way to cut out windfalls applies here too, and should be a requirement by every responsible off-road rider!

Another often-disregarded consideration for the west side is to NOT ride up trails that can be damaged, especially if you do not yet have the skill set to get up most hills. Set up your ride to use existing roads to get to the top, and then ride down the trails during winter if possible. Most new riders get stuck on an uphill and will then spin their rear tire down to China in a feeble effort of forward motion. Don't do that! Before the start of each ride, tell your buddies the same thing! And while you're out there, if you see a big puddle developing on the trail, stop, grab a stick and create a drainage for the water to escape. Little things like this can really help in keeping our trails sustainable for the future.

Whether you are riding in the east or west, fabricate a way to keep your carburetor from freezing – again don't ask how I know! What will happen is your carb will become packed in with snow and the slide will freeze, generally in an open state and won't shut down, therefore inducing high amounts of fear and adrenaline as you rocket wide-eyed towards that big cedar tree! Folks with EFI probably get off scott free on this issue.

So take heart, dress in appropriate layers, and have a blast this winter!





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Tips for Your Winter Riding

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As riders, we all learn things as we go, whether from (sometimes bitter) experience, or from others. Below are just a few tips that may help you out with your winter riding.

- **KTM:** These great bikes are not known for being very waterproof. There are holes in the airbox big enough to drive a Jeep through! One suggestion is to get some open-pore foam (like from air conditioners) and glue a piece between the rear of the seat and rear fender, therefore filling the entire gap width. This helps when fording deep streams, but especially when washing your bike, therefore keeping all the mud and water from descending into your sensitive airbox.

- **[KTM] Coolant:** KTMs have another shortcoming – no radiator overflow bottle. When you run your engine hot, it expels the expanding coolant onto the ground, therefore limiting the amount of coolant you have in the radiator. I suggest all you KTM riders install an overflow bottle similar to this: rlrproducts.com This is especially helpful when running hard in deep snow.

- **Grip:** safety wire those bad boys with at least two (three is preferred) strips of wire, so when riding in the rain, the grips will not come loose.

- **Silicone Spray:** I personally lube up ANY moving part after washing my bike. This includes front fork seals, rear shock shaft, swingarm and linkage (if applicable), axles, rear-brake pivot, footpegs, kickstarter, levers, throttle tube, etc. The advantage of silicone spray is that it mildly lubricates, repels water, plus does not absorb dust when dry out. Try it. I personally still use WD-40 on the chain, then lube it again with real chain lube before the next outing.

- **Goggles:** Double-pane lenses. Try them and your fogging problems will end. There's a reason why ski goggles have double lenses. Also use a No-Fog Cloth for the inside of the lens and Rain-X for the outside (if raining). If dry out, use Pledge furniture polish on the lens, as it fills scratches, adds a small layer of silicone wax and smells lemon fresh.

- **Studded Tires:** read elsewhere in this issue about this awesome winter trick!

- **Fuel:** run non-ethanol gas. The internet is riddled with all the bad things that can happen to our expensive power plants when adding alcohol – just say no! This is more important to two-cycle engines. Check the web for non-ethanol stations near you or run aviation gas.

- **Fuel Filter:** always install one of those clear, Gemini space-capsule looking inline fuel filters on all your bikes, otherwise you will be sorry. EFI motors need not worry.

- **Sparking Plug:** if running in a lot of snow, your motor gets run very hard, so you might consider running one heat range colder, which is normally a higher number, i.e. if you run an NGK BP8ES plug, consider running a BP9ES.

- **Levers:** if you ride correctly, your digits are constantly in contact with your clutch and front-brake levers. The metal is cold and transfers directly to your pinkies. I suggest adding friction tape, cloth-athletic tape or shrink-wrap tubing to your levers to lessen the cold.

Hopefully those few tips will help you get through the winter doldrums. And if your wallet needs lightened, there's also the option of purchasing a snowbike! Happy trails!

RULE CHANGE SUMMARY FOR 2013

Once again, the OMRA racing season has come to an end, and with it, a new set of rules has been proposed to help make 2013 even better than 2012. These proposals were voted on at the annual Calendar and Rules Meeting, and I think that we've made some very promising changes for next year's season:

- 1) In both the GP and XC series, only a rider's eight best finishes will count towards the championship. The single most common reason we heard for people not competing in our series is that there were too many races. People expressed a desire to race for the championship, but couldn't afford to commit to 12 or 13 races per year, so they just didn't come to any of them. By lessening the number of races that count towards the championship to eight, we hope to bring in more families to each event.

- 2) To qualify for a year-end trophy, you must compete in 6 races. The old rule stated that you must compete in 50% of the total number of races to earn a year-end trophy. Now, that number is set at six.

- 3) An ISDE test series will run within the XC series. Each ISDE on the XC calendar will be a dual point-paying event counting for both ISDE and XC points. For 2013, the cost for entering the ISDE series will be reduced, and the year-end awards will be a certificate rather than a trophy. We will be keeping track of year-end points and attendance, and if the series is successful, (with good turnouts for the ISDE points chasers) it will be adopted as a full-on competition series (still to be run within the XC series) for 2014. Specifics for how much the series will cost to enter and other details are still being solidified, but an announcement will be made at the annual Awards Banquet in February.

- 4) For 2013, there will no longer be a VetAA class. Over the past two years, the VetAA attendance has been too small to justify an entire class. Additionally, no rider 38 years old and older will be required to ride the AA class.

- 5) The number of required AA riders is reduced from 10 to 7. This adjustment was made to accommodate for the low attendance we experienced in 2012.

- 6) The Beginner Class will now be a half-course class. Previously, the Beginner Class ran the full course and full distance. Now they will only be required to ride half the distance like the 50, 60, Women, Junior, and Sportsman classes.



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Event Calendar 2013							
1/1	Hangover Scrambles Race	Washougal, WA	JCTRA	XC 6/23	Devil's Head ISDE	Tillamook	Mt. Scott
2/2	Annual OMRA Awards Banquet	Clackamas	OMRA	6/29	ULTRA Poker Run	Roseburg	ULTRA
2/16-17	Eddieville Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	DS 6/29-30	Fort Rock Dualsport	Fort Rock	Lobos
2/23-24	Eddieville Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	6/30	ULTRA Ranch Race	Roseburg	ULTRA
3/2	Eddieville MX Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	XC 7/6-7	Funky Chicken AMA National Hare Scrambles Race	Elkton	ETRA
3/3	Eddieville 6-Hour Team Race	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	XC 7/14	Lone Wolf ISDE	Tillamook	Lobos
3/9-10	Eddieville Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	8/2	Cowbell Night Race	Shedd	Spoon Creek
3/10	Albany MX GP	Albany	Trailblazers	GP 8/3	Saturday GP	Shedd	Spoon Creek
GP 3/16	Eddieville Euro GP	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	DS 8/3	Mt. Hood Dualsport	Government Camp	Mt. Scott
XC 3/17	Eddieville Hare Scrambles	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	XC 8/4	Cowbell XC	Shedd	Spoon Creek
GP 3/23	GP	Prineville	NORA	8/10-11	Applegate Poker Run	Willamina	Applegate
XC 3/24	XC	Prineville	NORA	DS 8/17	Rat Dog Dualsport	Tillamook	NWT&T
3/23-24	Eddieville Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	9/7	Eddieville MX Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
4/6	Eddieville MX Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	GP 9/8	Eddieville Fall GP	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
4/7	Eddieville 6-Hour Team Race	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	9/14-15	Eddieville Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
GP 4/13	Starvation Ridge GP	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	GP 9/22	Dick Jagow GP	Washougal, WA	Mt. Scott
XC 4/14	Starvation Ridge Hare Scrambles	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	DS 9/22-23	Fugawe Dualsport	Rogue River	MRA
4/21	Mt. Scott Poker Run	Tillamook	Mt. Scott	9/28	6 Hours of Starvation Ridge Race	Team Goldendale, WA	OTBG
XC 4/20-21	Timber Mountain Hare Scrambles	Jacksonville	MRA	9/29	Starvation Ridge Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
4/27	China Hat Poker Run	Bend	Lobos	GP 10/5	Cowbell GP	Shedd	Spoon Creek
XC 4/28	China Hat ISDE	Bend	Lobos	XC 10/6	Cowbell XC	Shedd	Spoon Creek
4/28	Starvation Ridge Hare Scrambles (non-OMRA)	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	GP 10/13	Territorial GP 60 Double Header	Eugene	NORA
5/4	12 Hours of Starvation Ridge Team Race	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	10/12-13	Eddieville Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
5/5	Starvation Ridge Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	10/19	Fall Classic Team Race	Bend	Lobos
5/5	Trailblazers GP - TBA	TBA	Trailblazers	XC 10/20	Fall Classic Race	Bend	Lobos
5/5	May Day Poker Run	Jacksonville	MRA	10/26-27	24 Hours of Starvation Ridge Race	Team Goldendale, WA	OTBG
5/18	Eddieville MX Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	10/27	Ghost & Goblin Poker Run	Jacksonville	MRA
5/18	Poker Run	Bend	NORA	11/2-3	Eddieville Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
XC 5/19	Monkey Butt	Bend	NORA	11/9	Eddieville MX Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
DS 5/19	Spring Dualsport	Tillamook	Mt. Scott	11/10	Hood River Poker Run	Hood River	Lobos
5/19	Derby Poker Run	Hood River	Lobos	11/10	Eddieville Fall 6-Hour Team Race	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
5/19	Eddieville Hare Scrambles (non-OMRA)	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	11/16-17	Eddieville Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
6/1	Eddieville MX Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	11/23-24	Eddieville Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
6/1-2	Teepee Poker Run	Pine Grove	Mt. Scott	11/30-1	Eddieville Playday	Goldendale, WA	OTBG
GP 6/2	Eddieville GP	Goldendale, WA	OTBG	12/7	OMRA Annual Calendar Meeting	Clackamas	OMRA
DS 6/8-9	Black Dog AMA National Dualsport/Adventure Ride	Hood River	NWT&T	1/1/2014	Hangover Scrambles Race	Washougal, WA	JCTRA
6/16	GP - TBA	TBA	Trailblazers				