

ATV Traction Inc. was founded by a group of concerned riders in Erie County in 2001. The organization is comprised of ATV riders, business owners whose livelihood depends on ATV related sales, and those concerned with promoting a positive future for ATV recreation. ATV Traction is registered as a non-profit corporation in Pennsylvania and has been awarded 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the Federal Government.

In the time since its creation, ATV Traction has grown to become one of Pennsylvania's largest and most influential ATV organizations. Working with Communities, the Allegheny National Forest, the DCNR and now the PAOHV when possible. ATV Traction's members come from many communities in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and West Virginia. We currently have chapters in Erie, McKean, Venango and Mercer counties in Pennsylvania. We have currently expanded in to Ohio by forming a chapter in Ashtabula County. We are doing this because we feel that uniting as many riders as possible under one charter will help to make ATV Traction more influential and help to expand all of our riding opportunities at the same time. Becoming a chapter of ATV Traction saves those who wish to form a club considerable time and expense and keeps us all in communication with one another.

Many riders considering joining ATV Traction ask: "Where will I be able to ride if I join?" or "Where are your club's trails?" I'll answer that soon enough, but let me ask you a few questions. Where do you want trails? Do you expect a club to grow and thrive if potential members refuse to join and help out until there are trails available? Lastly, How do you expect trails to become reality if nobody is laying the groundwork for them? The point is this: We must all work together if we are to ever see the creation of a trail system. Waiting until the trails exist before joining with us may just prevent our goals from happening.

To answer the question posed by many prospective members: We have 5 trails at our access and are located in Ashtabula, Erie, McKean, Mercer, Venango counties. These trails are open only to club members and are open only at the owners discretion. ATV Traction's trails are normally closed thru the hunting seasons for the respect of the hunters and when trail degradation is highest. (October thru the end of January).

What we can tell you is that if you do join and attend club functions, you will meet a lot of people. Those people have permission to ride somewhere. Our members love nothing more than to share their riding areas with new people. Getting the idea? Club membership means that you will have the opportunity to meet and share rides with fellow members. This will immediately expand your riding area. We plan out of town trips, non-riding local club activities, volunteer to assist in community projects, and host poker and dice runs.

Many members of the club are landowners. We have mapped out their lands and identified trails that we would be given permission to designate for club members. The problem is connecting the areas together. It always seems that there is an unsympathetic landowner, a stretch of Township road, or other obstacle preventing us from connecting the trails together. Perhaps you could be the person who knows a landowner and could persuade them to rethink their position. If we had enough members in any given township, we could prove that the roads we need should be designated for ATV use.

We sincerely hope you decide to join ATV Traction Inc. and work with us to accomplish our goals.

See you on the trails!!!