

## **TMRS News Letter**

#### **Presidents Message**

May 2017 Issue 4

#### At A Glance

- Presidents message
- June 10-12 Trail building workshop
- TMRS New Members
- Funding for Executive Director
- TMRS Programs
- Wedding proposed on GWL Mobility Nature Trail
- Universal Campsite development starting
- Gates and signage
- Major Project

   Destination Trail funded
  - Master Trail Plan Mountain bikes, ski, motor bikes, ATV, snowmobile
- 10,000 hrs and \$1million invested in the mountain
- Supporters
- Club information of activities and adventures detailed inside

Hello everyone! As another construction season is fast approaching, we have been working hard through the winter months to secure funding for bridges and trail upgrading as well as to expand our Universal Access Program. I'd like to start off with two numbers that we all should be very proud of: 10,000 and 1,000,000 ... What is the significance of these numbers? As of December 2016, we have surpassed 10,000 hours of volunteer labor in upgrading, planning, project managing, and general administration of Tabor Mountain. As of the same date, we have infused over \$1,000,000 in funding, grants, in-kind donations, and volunteer hour value into Tabor Mountain, since we began keeping track in 2011. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and I want to thank every one of my board members, as well as the community, for a job well done.

We have some new groups who have joined us since last fall. We are glad to have representation from the following sports:

1. Backcountry Horsemen of BC have a new chapter started in Prince George and are looking for members to join. More inside.

2. Prince George Off Road Motorcycle Association will be adding new single track trails.

3. The Association of Caledonia Trailbuilders will be adding bike trails that will be family friendly, mostly in the northern area of Tabor Mountain.

4. Tourism PG is a welcome partner and addition to our board as we begin to enhance our marketing strategies.

We have secured some funding to hire an Executive Director on a contractual basis, in order to oversee some of the administrative duties that are associated with grant applications, reporting, policy development, long-term planning, and project management. This contract will run through to the end of February 2018.

We have also secured a Project Manager to construct the Universal Campground. Salvage logging is well under way and construction of the road work and campsites will begin soon after. We are likely not going to finish this year, depending on funding securement, but will look forward to a grand opening in the summer of 2018.

Other projects that will commence this year will be the construction of two more bridges, rebuilding of approximately 50 kilometers of main corridor trail, layout of numerous bike trails with work to commence next year, layout of numerous single track motorcycle trails with work to begin next year, and some additional cleaning out of willowed in areas.

Inside you will find additional articles and information on member club activities planned for this year, as well as who to contact for additional information ... Our website is <u>www.tmrs.ca</u> and there is information there. We will be at the "Canada North Resources Expo (Booth 428)" on May 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> at the CN Centre, as well as the Tourism PG sponsored "Ambassador Fair" on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Coast Inn. Hope to see you there. While you are there signup and joint TMRS Friends of Tabor which keeps you informed, in touch and involved!

Until next time ... "Make Tabor Mountain your Destination Location for Outdoor Recreation"!

#### Have an awesome summer!



**TMRS News Letters** are twice a year and provide information on past and future activities undertaken on Tabor Mountain and TMRS member clubs. Visit <u>www.tmrs.ca</u> for additional information.

#### TMRS executive and Clubs represented on the Board of Directors

To Contact Members of TMRS visit www.tmrs.ca or visit club websites

President	Randy Ellenchuk
Vice President	Bob Bullock
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Rick Brine
Executive Director	Ken Hodges
ATV Club	www.pgatvclub.ca
PG Snowmobile Club	www.pgsnowmobileclub.com
Friends of Tabor	www.tmrs.ca
PG Horse Society	www.pghorsesociety.com
Caledonia Ramblers	www.caledoniarambler.ca
Caledonia Ski Club	www.caledonianortic.com
Hickory Wing Touring Ski Club	www.tmrs.ca
Tourism PG	www.tourismpg.com
Back Country Horsemen	pghorsemen@gmail.com
Northwest Brigade Paddlers	paddlepg.blogspot.ca
Association of Caledonia Trailbuilders	ddomes@gmail.com
PG Off-Road Motorcycle Association	www.pgorma.com
PG Off-Road Motorcycle Association	www.pgorma.com





TMRS has contracted Jay Hoots and internationally renowned trail builder to do a workshop in trail design, development and maintenance. A third day will focus on the specific needs of TMRS trail project on Tabor Mountain

When: June 10, 11, 12 Where: Otway Date Times: June  $10^{\text{th}}$  and  $11^{\text{th}}$  - 8:30- 5:00 - Otway June  $12^{\text{th}} - 1:00 - 6:00$  - Tabor Mountain Bring a lunch and water Outline:

#### Day 1

#### <u>n -</u> Morning

In class with projector

- Introductions
- Background
- Beginner design/maintenance construction
- Clinometers

#### Afternoon

In field Review design/construction -

- Demo for clino and flags, tape, partners/self clino
- Clino training-teams- get to the top! (need a hillside with variating topography and grades 120'-200' high x as wide as possible. 3 groups, one group will design trail at 5%, one group at 10% and one group at 15%
- Trail review and evaluations- need a section of trail(s) that we can assess and make repair recommendations.











#### <u>Day 2</u>

Morning

- In class with projector
- Follow up on previous day
- Maintenance
- Advanced design breaking grade and mitigation- choices for management
- Advanced construction- rock, berms, switchback

#### Afternoon

In field

- Review design/construction demo for clino and flags, tape, partners/self clino
- Hands on! Groups take on maintenance projects from detailed from the day before (drainage techniques, re-route options, and trails inventory)

#### Day 3

Field

• Directly focus on TMRS trail project and tie GPS course and scope of TMRS project to the tools taught in this course. This will take place on Tabor Mountain.

**<u>Registration numbers are limited</u>** and with priority given to TMRS members. Other organizations are welcome to register, please keep it to one or two members.

**To Register** Email Ken Hodges at kengh@shaw.ca before June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 18:00. We will confirm that there is enough room or if the program is full.







#### **TMRS New Members**

TMRS has several new members joining the organization. We truly have a diversified group who believe in working together on the Mountain. There are three new groups who have become members and include a mountain bike group, an enduro motor bike group and a horse group. As you can see these groups are both motorized and non-motorized recreational group which adds members in managing trails and activities on the mountain.

Tourism PG came on Board late last year with Roya Compo representing Tourism PG. Tourism PG is active in assisting clubs with promoting their activities in Prince George. TPG is a great addition to the organization.

The Association of Caledonia Trail Builders (ACT) whose focus is the development and maintenance of mountain bike trails. Lead by Dan Domes (president) and Laurie Packman (TMRS board representative) they have a wealth of knowledge and experience in mountain bike trail planning, layout and trail building. Currently ACT is assisting in developing a mater trail plan for mountain bike trails for the north side of the mountain.

The PG Off-Road Motorcycle Association (PGORMA) is lead by Shaun Peterson who is their president and TMRS board representative. The focus of this group is enduro motor bike riding. Their trails are narrow and will focus their activities on the south and central part of the mountain.

The final group is the Back Country Horseman (BCH) lead by Sandra Ericson who is also the TMRS board representative focus on back country trail rides. This group does a lot of back country riding and look forward to developing areas for horses that are compatible with other recreational users.

#### Funding Support for an Executive Director

TMRS has secured funding for nine monthss to assist in the administration of the organization. The position will focus on the completion of our updated management plan, business plan, completion of grant applications, be the lead on the section 56 application, oversee project reports for existing grants, assist in developing presentations secure long term funding for the position and liaison with all clubs and board members. The work will begin in June and last till the end of February subject to available funding.

#### **Policy Procedures and Protocol**

TMRS has been working on several policies over the last year with more to come. These policies provide consistency and operational direction for the organization. One of the strategies is the management of programs on the mountain. We have six programs for the mountain and include:

1. Existing trails and cover all existing trails, new and existing bridges, signage and gates,



- 2. New trails address the planning, design, layout and construction of new trails.
- 3. Staging areas and facilities focus on the management of staging areas and all the facilities located on the staging areas (cabins, outhouses, picnic tables, etc)
- 4. Universal Access focuses on trail and campsite strategies for universal access e.g. GWL mobility nature trail, Dougherty Creek Universal campsite
- 5. Maintenance program addresses minor repairs on the mountain
- 6. Administration program addresses the general running of the operation

#### **Great West Life Mobility Nature Trail**

The Great West Life Nature Trail is open to the public and ready for use. This year there has been a request for a wedding to be held on the trail in July. During the wedding the trail may be closed to the public. We ask that there be a donation for the use of the trail for such occasions that will go towards the management of the trail.

Recreation sites and trails BC has issued a contract for the maintenance of the trail. We would also like to thank Bob and Lois Bullock for there continued dedication in assisting with the management of the trail.

<u>NOTE</u>: the trail access may be restricted throughout the summer based on work being carried out on the campsite. There will still be access from the upper area by the PG snowmobile club clubhouse with a trail that will lead to the Dougherty Creek bridge and then the GWL trail parking lot.

#### **Dougherty Creek Campsite**

TMRS would like to thank McElhanney Engineering for their continued work in implementing the design for the new universal campsite adjacent to the GWL Mobility Nature Trail.





TMRS would like to welcome Phil Peddie who has joined us as a project manager for the Universal Campsite. Phil has stepped up and made plenty of headway in developing partnerships and opportunities for the project.

Logging has begun and should be complete by mid may. Every effort has been taken to leave as many trees as possible on site while removing damaged and dead trees that create a safety hazard for the public. Once that is complete and the wood is hauled away we can then start working on the roads and



Logging operations at a small scale

campsite excavation work. The plan is to have the campsite completed by 2018. Until the camping is opened in 2018 camping in the area <u>will not</u> be permitted. With machinery and active construction the campsite will be closed for public safety. There also plans to redirect recreational traffic around the campsite and parking lot for public safety reasons and management of vandalism.

This past season we have seen the result of individuals disrespecting all the hard work of the volunteers by damaging the outhouse at the parking lot. Please act more responsible when using the trails and the facilities.

#### **Gates and Signage**

Now that the trails on Tabor Mountain are legally established as recreational trails, that means



motorized and non-motorized activities. Motorized specifically excludes highway vehicles of all sorts, including off road trucks and jeeps. In the past many of the trails were used by off roaders but that can no longer happen because of the trail designation and the liabilities attached to the bridge structures that are unrated. In order to manage the trails accordingly gates have been installed at key points and more are coming this year. We have installed signs at the open end of a trail that has no exits for vehicles over 750kg due to a gate at the other end and non rated bridges. In some cases



people have ignored gates, barricades and signs and travelled into sensitive areas or damaged barriers which cost time and money by the society. It is important to note that the entire funds raised are committed to trail improvements. There are no funds that go to salaries or an office and when damage occurs we need to find additional funds to repair the damage. Funding is being addressed to build and install more gates to protect TMRS investments and manage our liability when it comes to unrated bridges.

**Signage** installed at various gravel pits re no shooting. The intent is to reduce shooting by the public in areas that recreationalists use TMRS trails. This is a major safety issue for all recreational users and



those wishing to use their firearms appropriately. Since we have installed the signs they have been vandalized or stolen. We have had several instances where recreationalists have been riding in the vicinity while individuals have been shooting making it a very unsafe situation. In fact the RCMP were called in one instance. If you notice someone shooting please advise the RCMP. TMRS have approached the RCMP, the Ministry of Environment Conservation Officers, and the Ministry of Forests C&E section to enforce the

signage of no shooting. Also note that <u>cameras will be installed</u> in various locations by enforcement officials this year and moved periodically.

Please do not shoot in the vicinity of the trail or on Tabor Mountain. Take your shooting to a designated range for safety sake.

## **Major Projects**

#### **Destination Trail**

TMRS was successful in receiving a grant under the Rural Dividend Fund for \$100,000 to develop a destination trail. The Frost lake trail will be upgraded from Frost Lake to the VOR road. The work will include water management with ditching, culvers, cross ditching and moving the water away from the trails while making the trail safer for all users. The project lead will be the ATV club, who have a significant amount of experience in this type of work. Along with the trail work we have funding for two bridges planned to link up the destination trail and the Schlitt trail. The initial material assessment for the trail is planned for late May early June with work proceeding shortly after and will proceed throughout the summer.

#### Master Trail Plan

TMRS was successful in securing funding to develop a Master Trail Plan for two areas on the mountain. The areas are within two polygons applied for under FRPA Section 56 application.

The trails in Polygon one focus on mountain bike trails with minor additions for x-country ski trails.



In polygon 2 the focus is motorized cross over trails and potential endure trails.



Polygons in section 56 application



Proposed Bike trails in Polygon 1

The groups that will lead the trail design and location will include ACT for the bike trails, PGORMA for the enduro bike trails and the ATV/snowmobile clubs for the cross over trails and potential viewing location. Jay Hoots has been contracted to provide training on trail development, design and establishment. The course is open to all interested in assisting TMRS with this project please

contact TMRS via our website <u>www.tmrs.ca</u>. The training is scheduled for June 10<sup>th -</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>. ACT has also completed a training day on how to use a GPS unit when establishing and layout trails. This training program was completed on May 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information on ACT contact Dan Domes at (ddomes@gmail.com) or Laurie Packman (lauriepackman@telus.net). There is a lot of work around this plan including trail design and layout, cost estimations standards etc.

#### **Volunteer Hours–2015**

Without the dedication of the members of the clubs, TMRS Board of Directors who volunteer hundreds of hours every year TMRS would not survive or create such a great set of trails for outdoor recreational activities that are safe and environmentally friendly. To date (January – December 2016) volunteers have put in over 4,036 hrs on trails and management activities. They have also donated inkind equipment and materials totalling \$26,571.00. This is up from 2015 because of all the work in the field and managing grant opportunities to which we are pleased to say was very successful. Unfortunately, we were not totally successful. Since 2011 TMRS has passed the 10,000 hrs of



volunteer time and \$1 million dollars in funds donations and in-kind contribution put onto the mountain.

By tracking all our times and equipment we are better able to demonstrate to those providing grant opportunities that TMRS and its members are heavily involved in the work and running of the organization, which make our applications for funding more desirable than those without the tracking system.

# TMRS would like to thank all those who volunteer their time, expertise and equipment in making TMRS a success over the past year.

**There is a greater need for Volunteers** in the field to manage some of the projects and assist with the maintenance of trails. If you are willing to assist in these and other opportunities to improve trails and thus your outdoor experience contact one of the board members or drop a note from our website at <u>www.tmrs.ca</u>.

#### **Support Recognition**

TMRS's success would not happen without all the volunteer hours put in by many members of the many members of the various clubs. Many of the clubs have utilized their contacts to develop a great relationship with many businesses and organizations. TMRS would like to acknowledge these companies and individuals who donated time, in kin work or materials since our last news letter. TMRS would like to say thank you to the following for there fantastic support and generosity:

- McElhanney Engineering
- Regional District of Fraser Fort George
- Canfor
- Tourism Prince George
- Recreation Sites and Trails BC

- DWB Consulting Services Ltd
- Great West Life Assurance Ltd.
- Northern Development Initiative Trust
- Shirley Bond
- Mike Morris

#### Hickory Wing Ski touring Club

The Hickory Wing Touring Ski Club (HWSTC) was formed from the Sons of Norway ski club after the Sons of Norway Lodges disbanded the club in 2016. The clubs has done a great job on the ski trails and have plans to do work this summer to improve the trails for X-country skiing and non-motorized activities. The new Hickory Wing Ski Touring Club is a registered Not for Profit Society, and if you wish to join or to volunteer contact Norm Clark at <u>n\_dclark@telus.net</u>.

X-country skiing may be a winter sport, but there is a lot of work to maintain or upgrading the trails in preparation for the winter. This summer the ski group has been given approval to do work on several trails in preparation of a even greater x-country skiing this winter. The plans for this summer work bees include:



- HWSTC were fortunate to apply for, and receive, \$5,000 from the Horse Council of BC for which they had to contribute \$1,100 of our own funds.
- From this money we were able to hire an excavator for 5 days to do more ditching on the Troll Lake trail and the Birchleg trail, above Ilse's shelter. We also used some of this to purchase several more culverts and have some signs made.
- They had many trail work sessions on the mountain and volunteers from our group contributed 1236 hours of their time.
- They again had the brushing tractor from Otway on our trails for 3 days as well as our own mower on the trails for 6 days.
- They were able to get a picnic table from RSTBC which we assembled in the stadium area in front of the Hickory Wing shelter.
- They widened and strengthened two bridges on our lower East Touring trail to allow the Otway tractor to cross them.
- Unfortunately, they were forced, by weather, to cancel our Birchleg ski event. Conditions were such that someone may have been injured on the icy trails. They did, however, have a snowshoe/walking event at which we had about 40 participants and we did have a nice fire and hot dogs, etc. All of the surplus food was donated to the St. Vincent de Paul society.

For more information contact Norm Clark at <u>n\_dclark@telus.net</u>

#### Prince George Snowmobile Club

This year the Prince George Snowmobile Club combined the Jack Kinsey Memorial Poker Ride with a Snowarama event. Snowarama is a family-oriented fundraising event in which snowmobilers organize

hill climbs, poker runs, rallies, or scavenger hunts in support of Easter Seal programs. We had about 40 riders out this year to enjoy the trails and great snow conditions. The club would like to thank PG Motorsports, Cycle North Powersports, Forest Powersports, Centennial Meats, Save On Foods and everyone who donated door prizes, including; TN Media, Lone Wolf Racing, Lost Heaven





Photography Mackenzie's Rocky Mountain Rider's! We are very thankful for our incredible volunteers who helped make this event such an incredible success; Toby Cartwright and Landen, Tyler Hascarl, Carla & Marty Anderson, Chuck Rollinson, Steven Miller, Charmaine Dokuchie, Erica Rea, Robbin Worthington, Bill Harvie, and Terry Woodland. Thank you to everyone who attended and helping to raise over \$500 for Easter Seals! Great snow, great



people! Also, it was awesome to see Jack Kinsey's family out on the trail to celebrate this ride in his name!

#### Prince George ATV Club

The winter months are not quading weather in the north, so we did spend a bit of time doing some planning for the 2017 year. First thing that we need to do is tidy up the East Touring Trail, it was so wet when the bridge was installed last fall it was a real muddy soup-hole. It is drying up nicely, I have to get hold of a skid steer and distribute the gravel that I had placed at the east gate and also paint the east gate. A few hours work around the approaches to the bridge and it will be ready for ATV, hiking and other summer traffic. The PGATV annual Poker Ride will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday, all quaders invited, will be held off of Scott road in front of the Snowmobile Clubhouse. We are hosting our annual Prince George to Wells ATV Ride on July 28, 29 & 30, hope we can use part of our new PG East trail network. ATVBC is holding their annual Jamboree and AGM in Barkerville/Wells this year, starts on August 21 and go to August 28<sup>th</sup>, four or five days of fantastic mountain riding and many evening events planned, is going to be a great week. Also ATVBC is selling raffle tickets this year on a new Can-AM quad supplied by Forest Power Sports and second prize of a Honda Generator supplied by Cycle North, contact any of our members if you want tickets.

Our first construction project of the year is installing a bridge across Thursday Creek, hope to do it in early June. Next we will be brushing 8 kms of trail from Thursday Creek to George Creek, will happen as soon as the trails dry up, the trail is an old Snowmobile trail that has not been used for 12+ years, this is part of the trail covered under PGATV Club's section 56 agreement with RSTBC, next we will be choosing and planning a crossing at George Creek, may only get the plans done this year as funding may not be available until the 2018 season. Next item that we are working hard on is the washout on the Viper, if possible would like to get this done in early July. We are also working with TMRS on a number of their projects, we expect to get the details on how we will be able to support them by the end of the month, we have our own website and we have a Facebook site, we will be able to communicate better with our members and ask for their help in doing these projects, our construction season is very short.

#### **Caledonia Ramblers**

The Caledonia Ramblers hiking club have been a great asset to TMRS in their involvement on the non motorized trails. They are constantly hiking on the mountain and adding their passion for the outdoors. Mostly members of the club have assisted the Hickory Wing Ski Touring Club and Caledonia Nordics in trail maintenance work they have organized.

This past winter the club had three snowshoe trips on Tabor Mountain trails. The pictures that follow were from a trip in early winter. The  $2^{nd}$  picture is of the group at the Troll Lake cabin.





For this coming hiking season the Ramblers do not have a Sunday scheduled hike on Tabor but the Club, for this summer, is trying something new. The Club is going to hold a few Saturday hikes, family hikes and maybe even hikes where dogs will be allowed. The trails on Tabor are likely to be destinations for some of these new hikes although the schedules are still being worked on. If one is interested in any of the hikes put on by the Ramblers, they should go to the club website at <u>www.caledoniaramblers.ca</u> to see what is planned.

#### **Northwest Brigade Paddle Club**

Northwest Brigade Paddling Club has diverse interests from river, lake and ocean kayaking, to canoeing and stand-up paddling. No matter what your skill level, we have instruction available for flat water and whitewater skills development along with safety, rescue, first-aid and survival skills. The NWBPC has published the "Central Interior of British Columbia" paddling guide book with detailed information and map references. It can be purchased at Books & Company on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Our current project with support of TMRS is a new Recreation Site and corridor trail system on the Willow River. For more information visit our Facebook or phone Rick at 250-964-7400.

#### **Prince George Horse Society**

The Prince George Horse Society is made up of 11 clubs representing all disciplines with horses and one dog club. For additional information visit our web site www.pghorsesociety.com and look under calendar you will see that the indoor riding area is busy all winter. General Board meetings held every third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 at the Agriplex.

Join The PGHS on the follow dates and activities:

- Friday May 26 & Saturday May27 -- PGCOS Fundraiser Parking Lot Sale (Spring cleaning opportunity -- donations happily accepted the week before the sale!)
- Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PGCOS Trivia Competition & Fundraiser (Get your team of competitors ready!)



#### **Back County Horsemen of BC PG Omenica Chapter**

Back Country Horsemen of BC PG Omenica chapter was formed in the spring of 2016 and member of Tabor Mountain Recreation Society. They are an enthusiastic group of people who just love to ride and get out and explore our beautiful wilderness. They started the riding season on Tabor Mountain trails located near the snowmobile clubhouse. Their Guild, a member of Friends of Tabor and a local resident, Lois Bullock guided them through several universal trails and specific horse trails. The following month the club ventured to the north side of Tabor Mountain starting at the Hickory Wing staging area and traveled up to the tower for the view and the adventure. The group also travels out of town when the opportunity and interests present itself. The first trip a group travelled south to the Chilcolton to ride Churn Creek. The experience of camping and ridging out from camp was a real treat and was well worth the travels. The ride in Hixon had to be cancelled, but were able to ride at a members property out at Bellos Road. The group rode down at Quesnel on the Telegraph Trail and a small group rode out to McIntyre Lake for the weekend. Quite a few members joined the North Cariboo Chapter to ride out at Barkerville. Two members joined the McBride Chapter for a great poker ride in the rain. Back at Tabor Mountain, the group took a day long ride out to Frost Lake!! Because of the wet season, several rides were cancelled including a ride on the Greenway Trails but look forward to many more rides next year.

The president of the group, Sandra Ericson has planned a packing clinic this November and is looking at Tabor Mountain for an obstacle challenge location in the future!! For membership and or information contact Sandra Ericson at <u>wccc@telus.net</u>

#### Association of Caledonia Trailbuilders (ACT)

Early in the new year a group of committed mountain bikers and trail builders came together to establish a new society, the Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders (ACT).

Their vision was clear: to design, develop, and maintain a high quality, environmentally sensitive mountain bike trail network on Tabor Mountain. The hope is that this trail network will serve not only the mountain bike community, but all members of the public who want to pursue human-powered activities compatible with mountain biking. Hikers, snowshoers, runners, skiers all will benefit from ACT's trail-building efforts.



Working with the TMRS Board and Executive and Rec Sites and Trails BC, ACT is in the process of designing and mapping a proposed mountain bike trail network for the north part of Tabor Mountain. In the coming weeks, ACT members will be active GPS-ing the proposed network and refining their trail building expertise in a workshop with one of BC's top professional mountain bike trail builders. To have everyone on the same page ACT organized a GPS training day on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Some twenty people attended the training session let by Ed Day and Mike Weston.





GPS training session at Otway club house

outdoor session

Anyone interested in joining or supporting this exciting trail development initiative should contact Dan Domes (<u>dddomes@gmail.com</u>) or Laurie Packman (<u>lauriepackman@telus.net</u>)

#### Prince George Off-Road Motorcycle Association (PGORMA)

The Prince George Off-Road Motorcycle Association (PGORMA) was founded in 2016 by a group of off-road motorcycle enthusiasts with three goals in mind:

- To create and maintain safe riding environments for off-road motorcyclists of all skill levels
- To promote off-road motorcycling in a positive and responsible manner
- To assist off-road motorcyclists with training and skill development

While there are numerous Off Road Vehicles (OVR) and expert level motorcycle trails in our region, there is a shortage of safe, family friendly motorcycle trails to enjoy. The development of unidirectional single track (motorcycle width) trails to accommodate riders of all skill levels is the foundation of our club. These trails allow us to safely host organized social events, sanctioned races, and training seminars taught by world class enduro riders.

The club notes that working with Mikel Leclerc of Recreation Sites and Trails BC along with Randy Ellenchuk and Ken Hodges of the Tabor Mountain Recreation Society (TMRS) has been an amazing experience which has greatly assisted them in reaching their 2017 season goals:

- The organization of Prince George's first off-road race in 20 years
- Assisting our sister club in Quesnel with their upcoming race (June 4th)
- Working with TMRS on the development of new single track trails while sharing existing ORV trail infrastructure.





A view with an eduro bike

Shaun Peterson navigating blowdown

They are excited to be involved in the development of Tabor Mountain's vast trail system while continuing development of existing off-road motorcycle riding areas.

For more information on PGORMA and off-road motorcycling, please visit us at: Web: <u>http://pgorma.com</u> Email: <u>social@pgorma.com</u> Social: <u>facebook.com/pgorma</u>

#### **Friends of Tabor**

Friends of Tabor are an organization within TMRS whose members do not belong to a club but yet want to enjoy the recreational experience with those that are active on the mountain. Many of the clubs various members belong to FOT and to their organization, whether it is the ATV club, Horse Society, Snowmobile club, etc. The real benefit in belonging to the Friends of Tabor is your involvement in the decision making at meetings and greater participation opportunities with TMRS including participation on committees. Even though the clubs pay a membership fee they have only one voice. We encourage all club members to become a member of Friends of Tabor. The fee is \$10 per year which supports the club and provides an opportunity to be involved on mountain, interact with other users and develop new friendships. If you would like more information on Friend of Tabor contact Randy Ellenchuk at <u>www.tmrs.ca</u>.

#### **TMRS**

- General meeting every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 in the agriplex next to Kin 1
- For more information visit our website at <u>www.tmrs.ca</u> or mailing address at <u>Tabor</u> <u>Mountain Recreation Society PO Box 1095, Prince George, BC, V2L 3L0, or contact</u> Randy Ellenchuk at\_(250) 981-1871
- News Letter produces by Ken Hodges