

SOCT 2020 Year in Review & What 2021 Has In Store For You

As we are all aware, 2020 was a tough year for everyone! And, it's looking like 2021 will also be a challenge but we can still ride another day!

In 2020 we had a six-event season. These events had a modified format including on-line entries, riders fee direct deposit, riding in small spread-out groups, staggered starts and results posted on-line. This positive format worked well for everyone and it kept us safe and healthy.

We are in a good position, financially due to increased rider turnout and the generous sponsorship of Tenaci Wong and Lang's Off Road. In addition, Mono and St. Thomas were two new venues that were enjoyed by all.

Lang's Off Road shop experienced a destructive fire in October 2020 destroying most of the inventory and shop space. SOCT chose to donate to the rebuilding effort on behalf of the club and its members. They are in the process of rebuilding. Please support Rob at Lang's Off Road and help them to get past this difficult time.

We had an incredible group of volunteers in 2020 who helped with pre-event set-up, sign-in and tear down after the event. THANK YOU! These are extremely important tasks and, I think, adds to the fun of attending an event. It's great to ride an event but even better to be a part of it (The more time I can get on my bike the better.).

Please consider volunteering to help before, during and after events as well as becoming a member of the Leadership Group. We need new blood and new ideas.

Unfortunately, Covid 19 did not allow us to get together after the events or to share food, stories and awards at the AGM. However, your Leadership Group has managed to meet virtually to plan ahead for 2021. We hope to have several events during the year - dates and locations posted soon. We are planning for our first event to take place in May and at the first event the 2020 awards will be given out to the top three in each class. Results for the six events have been posted on-line.

Congratulations! Thanks for making 2020 a great year considering the circumstances. Please consider giving your feedback and volunteering to help make SOCT even better in 2021.

Financial Report

2020 SOCT Group Financial Report

February 2021

Opening Bank Balance January 1, 2020 **\$4806**

Income

Event Entries		\$2380
Sponsors	Tenaci Wong	\$ 650
	Langs Off Road	<u>\$ 250</u>
		<u>\$3280</u>

Total Income **\$8086**

Expenses

Landowner Tim's Cards for 2019 season	\$ 500
Awards for 2019 season	\$ 205
Score Cards	\$ 643
Landowner Tim's Cards for 2020 season	\$ 500
Tape	\$ 130
Langs Off Road Go Fund Me Donation	\$ 200
Site Grass Cutting	\$ 85
Office Expenses, Bank Fees, Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 176</u>
	<u>\$3290</u>

Total Expenses **\$3290**

Balance Remaining **\$4796**

Closing Bank Balance as of December 31, 2020 **\$4796**

To sum up, we had a great year even if we only had 6 events. The new event entry system seemed to work well for everyone. A successful year despite Covid 19. Way to go!

Sponsorship

SOCT Sponsorship Review 2020

Feb 2021

In 2020 SOCT were fortunate and very thankful to our title Sponsor Tenaci-Wong Canada along with major supporting sponsorship from Lang's Off road, Zoom chemical products, associated sponsorship from S.M.A.R.T Riding Adventures at Horseshoe resort along with each of our land owners that allowed the great events during 2020

2020 was a challenging year due to the Covid Pandemic and government restrictions for everyone that affected the schedule of events and necessitated a few last-minute changes to locations, rider registrations, group bubble riding and section layouts that the event teams adjusted to ensure all events went off safely & as smoothly as possible in the circumstances, (job well done by all involved, thank you)

Andy Gale & Geoff Howells worked with sponsors and the committee to put in place the SOCT sponsorship agreements set for a minimum of two years (2020, 2021) and will continue to seek new agreements into 2021/2022. With the business and personal challenges everyone felt, it was decided to maintain contact with current sponsors and determine new opportunities once regulations opened. To date, restrictions continue, businesses have many PPE and sustainability priorities which could affect sponsorship funding in 2021 & 2022. However, opportunities are available, SOCT are planning to hold safe events and are working with the landowners to make it happen in 2021.

As SOCT Events resume, we will continue discussions with additional sponsors.

Should you know of or would like to be a sponsor of SOCT in 2021 & 2022, please contact Info@sovt.website or Andy Gale for information.

Thank you to:

Tenaci-Wong Canada, Lang's Offroad, ZOOM Products, Smart Riding Adventures,

Draft Schedule and Dates

Tentative schedule

Please note:

- **Please check regularly prior to each event.**
- Communications will be via the SOCT/Website, Facebook, social media and/or email notification. It is the riders responsibility to note and arrive at the correct event start time as no late comers or changes can be accommodated.
- All dates are tentative and may change at the last minute due to Covid restrictions. Please visit the website for the most up to date schedule and information.
- Schedule locations will be announced **as soon as possible** prior to each event or as restrictions allow
- On-line registrations will open **as soon as possible** prior to each event (no early entries will be accepted). Once entry limits are filled, entries are closed and no more payments will be accepted, so, be sure to enter on time.
- **Please check regularly prior to each event.**
- Some events may be split into an AM/PM schedule due to capacity restrictions. If this is the case, it will be advised on the event notifications and time trial restrictions may be enforced. Your start time and rider groupings will be posted before the event so check back a few days before each event.
- **Please check regularly prior to each event.**
- Club and Covid regulations will be strictly enforced for the safety of all participants.

May 16	Lynden
June 6	Creemore
June 27	St. Thomas
July 11	TBA
July 25	Aylmer
Aug 29	Mono Mills
Sept 26	Pontypool
Oct 10	Simcoe
Oct 24	TBA
Nov 7	TBA

Feedback and Contact Email

Hi Everyone

Our SOCT email is: info@sovt.website

First, we would like to ask anyone who does not want to receive our emails to just send us an email with "Remove" in the subject line and we will update our contact list.

We do not send out many emails but this year is different. We are preparing for our Annual General Meeting where we discuss the past riding season, opportunities for new riders to meet, positions available on the club committee and to have a potluck of everyone's favourite dish..... well I guess we'll have to skip that part.

This email is an invite for comments.

We want to hear from you as we would at the AGM.

Any new business, topics, new venues, areas of concern etc.

From your comments we can compile a list of items to discuss/comment back in our AGM news letter coming soon to an inbox near you.

Hoping for a little more normal riding season in 2021.

See you all in the woods

Stay balanced,

SOCT Website Team

Club Structure and Positions

Committee members

Committee members are elected for a two-year term. The term may be extended for additional terms in order to help run the club and implement goals presented at the AGM and approved by the committee or members as applicable for the future development and running of the club.

New volunteer opportunities available: all active members are welcome to apply

Position	2020-2021	Assistant
President	open	A Committee Member
Treasurer	Les Birchall	open
Sponsorship Director	Andy Gale	open
Competition Director	Ron Golden	Rob Lang
Special Events Coordinator	Graham Pyl	Michelle Shoniker
Membership Secretary	John Ottema	Les Birchill
Social Media Director	Christie Spain	Daryl Spain
Results Secretary	Rob Lang	Graham Pyl

Set up volunteers

The Leadership Committee and Trials Masters for 2020 events would like to thank all the members and associates that took the time to come out and assist in set up, the running of the events on the day and tear down afterwards. We all greatly appreciate the large effort put in by these volunteers and landowners to put the events on. It literally sometimes takes an army and many hands help to get the job done, THANK YOU ALL!

We all look forward to continuing the club success and all volunteers are welcome, please contact INFO@SOVT.WEBSITE to volunteer at your local event set up or on the day, it is appreciated.

P.S. REMEMBER TO THANK THE LANDOWNERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHEN YOU MEET THEM. WITHOUT THEM THERE WILL BE NO EVENTS!