



On the Trail

SATVA Newsletter

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Wear Your Helmet, Please!!

Wearing your helmet is not only the smart thing to do, it is the law if you are riding on any land or property other than your own. So far this year we've had five ATV fatalities in the province, and in four of the five, it has been confirmed that the rider(s) wasn't wearing a helmet. In May we launched our Helmet campaign to raise awareness to the importance of wearing your helmet. In June we approached Saskatchewan Health to get some statistics on serious injuries involving ATV's. In 2013, 167 people were hospitalized as a result of an ATV crash. The number one reason for those hospitalizations was head injuries. As the poster below says, don't become a statistic, wear your helmet and ride safe!!

909 INJURIES • 50 DEATHS
(in Saskatchewan since 2008-09) (in Saskatchewan since 2000)

Don't become an ATV statistic ...
WEAR A HELMET

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New Minister for SGI

In June of this year there was a cabinet shuffle in the Saskatchewan Government and the Premiere appointed Don McMorris as Minister Responsible for Crown Investments, which includes SGI. We will be meeting with Minister McMorris in August. Minister McMorris has a background in safety, spending several years working for the Saskatchewan Safety Council before getting into politics. We are hopeful that he will be receptive to our issues, including ATV Registration.



Trespassing Initiative

SATVA in conjunction with SSA and Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation will be launching a campaign this fall which will raise awareness with ATV riders, snowmobile riders and hunters on the importance of getting permission before going onto private property. Trespassing is a serious issue and can result in property being closed to any recreational activity by the landowner. It's a matter of respect.

National Trail Funding

On June 26, 2014, the federal government launched its National Recreational Trails Program which provides matching funding to provinces to develop, maintain and/or update trails systems throughout Canada. The funding is split three ways, 1/3 to ATV, 1/3 to snowmobile and the 1/3 to non-motorized trails. The Canadian Off Highway Vehicle Association (COHV) is managing the funding for the ATV portion with each of the provinces. Those wishing to take advantage of the funding must be members of the provincial federation (for ATV in Saskatchewan that is SATVA). The applications for the funding must be in by August 15, 2014, and there must be matching funding from another source.

Club Memberships are Due!!

Just another friendly reminder that club memberships are due for 2014 and if haven't already done so should be sent in at your earliest opportunity.

Rallies - Upcoming Rallies

- Rockford Rally – August 2, 2014
- Birch Lake ATV Rally– August 9, 2014
- Filthy Redneck Country Club Event – August 16/17, 2014
- Ahtahkakoop Fall Derby – September 13, 2014



For a more complete listing of rallies, with contact information, check out the SaskHardcore ATV forums at <http://saskhardcoreatv.proboards.com/>

Run Amok Rally





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Dealer/Manufacture Members

A number of ATV dealers are members of SATVA, along with several of their dealers. Check the SATVA website for their names and locations. Their support is greatly appreciated.



CASI ATV Training



As always we'd like to remind riders that Saskatchewan has 6 certified CASI ATV instructors in the province. ATV training is required, by law, for anyone 12 to 15 years old (and anyone who doesn't have a driver's license), when operating on public property. As well this training is valuable for anyone to improve their safety and riding skills. To sign up for an ATV Safety Course, visit www.satva.ca where you'll find a link on the main page to register online.



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Discounts

Don't forget as a SATVA member you are offered a 10% discount on personal ATV Insurance through OASIS insurance, and a 10% discount on purchases at Mark's Work Warehouse. We will continue to explore more opportunities to help our members with savings.

Social Media

SATVA's social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter offer ATV users a quick reference to things that are happening in the ATV world. We try to keep the sites updated with the most current information. Please take a moment to check out our sites and provide comments.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/175643119160177/>



Twitter <https://twitter.com/InfoSatva>



As always I welcome your comments, suggestions and am willing to debate the issues with you. Contact me directly by email at info@satva.ca, or comment on our Facebook group. We also follow the Saskatchewan ATV Hardcore forums so feel free to voice your opinions there as well.

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***'Ride Safe. Wear your Helmet,
and Don't Drink and Quad'***



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