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### Welcome Aboard – Randy Abdai

I want to extend a hearty welcome to Randy Abdai, the newest director on the SATVA Board. Randy is with the Esterhazy Super Sledders and speaking of that club, the Super Sledders have joined SATVA after a brief absence. Very nice to have you back as members of SATVA.

### Meeting with Government

On April 30, 2013, Vera Connolly, our President, Trevor Hobman, our Vice President and I met with the Crown and Central Agencies Policy Caucus Committee, which is made up of MLA's from both political parties and recommends policy initiatives for SGI and other crown corporations. The meeting went very well and I'm glad to say that we were able to present our major initiatives (such as ATV Registration and mandatory training) and concerns to the committee. We won't know for sure until something happens but I felt like the members of the committee were receptive and asked good questions.

### Wawota Rally

SATVA was able to have a booth at the rally on May 11, 2013 which was well received. Over 700 riders registered for the event and many stopped to talk with us about ATV issues and possible



membership in one of our ATV clubs.

### Upcoming Rallies

Speaking of rallies there are still a few coming up in the next couple of weeks;

May 25 – Ahtahkakoop

June 1 – Foxford

June 8 - Love

A number of rallies were cancelled earlier this season due to the lake Spring we've had so please check either QCQ Forums [www.qcq.ca](http://www.qcq.ca) or Saskatchewan Hardcore Forums <http://saskhardcoreatv.proboards.com/> for the most up to date information on the rallies.

### Club Event Insurance

If you haven't done so already, please consider signing up for the club insurance through SATVA. Oasis Insurance, through our SATVA insurance, offers member clubs the cheapest insurance anywhere.

### CASI ATV Training



Saskatchewan now 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](http://www.satva.ca) where you'll find a link on the main page to register online.

### ATV Crashes

In the past month we've had two ATV related fatalities in the province. On May 13, 2013 an 86 year old man died in an ATV mishap near Vonda. On May 15, 2013 a 13 year old boy died as a result of an ATV crash near Arborfield. Our sincerest condolences go to the families and friends of these two people.

### Moose Mountain Park

Thanks to the effort of the Moose Mountain Mudders ATV club, the park has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with MMM for future upkeep and development of trails in Moose Mountain Park. Some of you will remember that in recent years there was a possibility that the ATV trails in Moose Mountain Park would be closed for good, so we're very glad that the Mudders were able to forge this alliance. This is the only provincial park in southern Saskatchewan that allows quads so it is very important to keep the trails open.



### Outreach

Thanks to efforts of Rod Snaith, one of SATVA's directors, and Kawasaki, a 10X10 shelter was donated to SATVA for use at events or trade shows that SATVA is involved in. In conjunction with this a SATVA banner was purchased to use with the shelter and at other locations and venues where it's important to identify SATVA's presence.



We want to work harder at getting SATVA known in the ATV community and amongst the public in order to expand on the good work that the organization does. A newly formed "Team Outreach" committee on the SATVA board will be exploring new innovative ways to promote SATVA in the community.

### 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.



### Facebook

Don't forget SATVA has its own Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/175643119160177/> Please come and join the group and the discussion.

I was planning on holding on to this newsletter until June, however there were so many things going on that I thought you might find interested. But as always your input or suggestions are welcome. Send comments or suggestions for future newsletters to me at [info@satva.ca](mailto:info@satva.ca).

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Wawota Rally

***'Ride Safe and Don't Drink and Quad'***