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### **Quads vs. Side by Side**

According to manufacturers in Saskatchewan UTV sales are outdoing quad sales. It seems that the side by sides are gaining a lot of popularity. In the newsletter I still want to refer to everything as an ATV as both quads and side by side fall within the definition of 'all terrain vehicle' in the ATV Act.

### **Meeting with Government**

Unfortunately we've received a letter from Minister Harpauer's office simply stating that the government is not interested in registration of ATV's at this time. There was no mention of the other issues in our submission, so we're going to try and arrange a meeting to discuss the issues further. With the house not sitting, cabinet ministers spend a lot of their time in their constituencies, so arranging a meeting might take some time.

### **Moose Mountain Park**

Work continues on the trails in Moose Mountain park by the Moose Mountain ATV Club. The unusually late and wet spring has meant that the trails have had to be closed for several weeks. Before heading down to the park to go quadding, make sure and phone ahead, so that you don't make the trip unnecessarily.

### **Manufacturer Members/Sponsors**

I'm pleased to announce that both Yamaha and Honda have become members of SATVA. This is very welcome as we see the manufacturers having an



important role in the continued growth and development of SATVA, and key to obtaining our goals.



### Rallies

Lots of activity over the summer. Here are some events that are coming up;

- Note: Mud Mayhem, originally scheduled for July 20, 2013 near Estevan has been postponed to sometime in August.
- Crystal Springs ATV MudFest – July 20, 2013
- Witchehan Ralley (north of Spiritwood) – July 20, 2013
- Wicked Motor Sports Mud Bog is scheduled for July 26, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>, south of Regina. I've been advised that ATV's will only run Friday night (July 26). Saturday and Sunday will be trucks, ridem mowers and the like.
- Lake Lenore Mudbog is scheduled for July 27, 2013.
- Moosomin Mud Track – August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
<http://moosominmudtrack.com/Information.html>
- Theodore Mud Bogs are scheduled for August 10, 2013.



For more information on any of these events check the Sask Hardcore ATV forums at <http://saskhardcoreatv.com/board/>

### CASI ATV Training



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

### **Outreach**

Team Outreach met recently and we're developing a number of strategies and policies around advertising and outreach. In order to expand on the good work that the association does we need to ensure that we communicate with our members and other interested parties.

Advertising is an important opportunity to show support for SATVA along with generating some much needed funding.

### **Web Site**

SATVA is currently revamping its web site. The current web site is not as user friendly as we'd like so a new and more functional site will be helpful. We can hopefully launch the website before summer's end. We'll keep you posted.

### **Logo**

SATVA would like to update its logo. The current one has served us well, but it doesn't readily identify us as an ATV based organization. We would like to invite our members to submit a proposal for a new logo. There might even be a prize for the winning submission. Send your suggestions to me at [info@satva.ca](mailto:info@satva.ca).

### **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.

It seems like summer is moving along too fast, doesn't it. We'll continue to support safe and responsible ATV usage and work with decision makers to improve the ATV experience in Saskatchewan. As always if you have any ideas, comments or suggestions for the newsletter contact me at [info@satva.ca](mailto:info@satva.ca).

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