



Message from the President

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Dear Members & Friends,

This 2013 year has been full of new and exciting things happening with the club. It was my first year as President and it has been a great learning experience. A lot of work goes into running the club and with only a limited amount of volunteers we all work hard to make it a success. There have been some small changes on how we do things but mostly it has stayed the same. We purchased our own BBQ supplies, awning and tables and one of our long standing members has been kind enough to allow us to store the items in her shop. We had fantastic membership turnouts at all our events this year and everyone came back from their rides happy.

Our year started out with a day ride & pot luck in February from the Ghost Airstrip, it was a warm winter day with plenty of riding, food and hot chocolate to go around. During the May long weekend we had 30 trailers and over 70 riders. Unfortunately we had to cancel our Hunter Valley Ride due to the devastating flooding that took place all around Alberta and our heart goes out to those who were affected and are still dealing with the tragedy. The September Long weekend Pig Roast was a huge success, we had 37 camping units and over 100 members participate in the Pig Roast and Pot Luck. Over 75 members registered for the

rides and everyone came back safe and smiles on their faces. To top it off it is the first year we none of the 75 lbs. pig left over, thanks to the great idea from the Wesson's of serving pulled pork with Bulls-eye sauce. Yummy!

At the board leadership level we have been proactive in ensuring our members are kept informed regarding upcoming events and we are not only on Facebook but we finally have our Forum up and running. It will take some time for members to migrate over to the new forum but I believe in no time we will have members posting ad-hoc rides, what they did this summer and reviews on their favorite products and accessories. Create your own free account by logging on at www.calgaryatvridders.com/car

We have big plans for the 2014 year. Along with our traditional events we hope to involve members in our 1st annual Stewardship days. This will be held every year either the last weekend in May or the first weekend in June. The CARA 2014 1st annual Stewardship Days will take place on May 31st & June 1st next year. It will be a time when we get together with nothing but the tools in hand and go out and see to some much needed maintenance on our trails. This may involve shovels and picks to drain and fill large mud-holes, chainsaws and brawn to cut

trees to create a sustainable trail section, garbage bags and gloves for clean-up or augers and poles to erect new signage. We want this to involve as many volunteers as possible over two days to make a difference. So save the date and join us in making our trails safe and enjoyable.

Join us on October 24, 2013 for our General meeting that will be held in the Hospitality Room at the West Hillhurst Community Centre between 7-9 pm. Wayne Page will be on hand to show members their "Go Forward" initiative in establishing a Delegated Administrative Organization (DAO) to administer a Provincial Designated Trail System. This is an extremely important initiative as it will allow a steady cash flow to the clubs for trail maintenance, enforcement and education. Something we have never had in the past.

In conclusion I want to sincerely thank all the volunteers who stepped up this year to help out at the events and those behind the scenes who continue to make this club a strong and fun group. You are all appreciated!
See you on the trails!

Upcoming Events:

- **SSRP Information Session: CARA will be in attendance**

November 20, 2013 7-9pm
Town & Country Centre
#103-275 Jensen Drive NE
Airdrie, Alberta

- **Rebels Ride to Margaret Lake:**

November 2nd, 2013

CARA Forum is Now Live!

Help us make our forum a success, create your FREE account today!

Visit

www.calgaryatvriders.com/car

It has been a long time coming but the Calgary ATV Riders has a forum up and running. Now all we need is YOU! Help us make this forum a success by posting your reviews, invite other riders to come out for a day ride or camp out or just chat about what is going on in the ATV community. Dealerships will be posting discounts and specials specifically geared towards our members and fellow riders. This is the place to find out when they will be having an in-

store special, event and upcoming Demo Days where you can try out an ATV or side x side.

Forums include: Campfire; for anything non ATVing. Wanna Ride; for those of you who have the itch to get out and need a ride mate. The old "Rebels" Forum is back and will host the Boys Weekend at Dutch Creek along with a Countdown counter, Product Reviews, Dealership Discounts & Specials, CARA Discussions and a forum for each of your

favorite riding areas to post trail, camping or general area information.

Create your FREE account today and join in on the talk.

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Together we can make this forum a success!

A special Thank you goes out to Paul Rimmer for developing this forum. There are countless hours of work that have been put into this site by Paul and I am glad it is finally LIVE!

1st Annual Stewardship Days Spring 2014

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Over the past 3 years the club has seen some significant damage to the trails surrounding Calgary. Especially this year the floods have washed out bridges and created washouts deeper and wider than ever before. The Calgary ATV Riders is looking forward to holding their first Annual Stewardship Days in the spring of 2014. This event will be held

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2013 Wildcat Review Written by: Christine Ross



A fun ride with plenty of power!

During the 2013 CARA Pig Roast September Long Weekend Event Ralph's Motorsports was very generous to let me try out the Arctic Cat 2013 Wildcat 1000. I had a lot of fun bombing around in it but I have to say I still enjoy riding my quad which is an Arctic Cat 700 TRV. I was very exciting to have the opportunity to take the Wildcat out for a ride, not

only because of the power but they look like so much fun, and I was definitely not disappointed.

First let's have a look at the specs of the Wildcat: It has a 1000 H2 Engine that has 951cc V-Twin SOHC 4-stroke, 4-valve with Electronic Fuel Injection (EFI). The 1000 H.O. has been tuned to deliver even

stronger acceleration thanks to the extra torque and horsepower provided by heavy-breathing 50mm throttle bodies, a new 2-into-1 ceramic coated exhaust and an all-new air intake system. With Fox Podium shocks, a 5 link suspension, Hydraulic disc brakes, tilt steering, upper rear radiator placement, front and rear bumpers, 3-point harness seatbelts, race-

inspired bucket seats, cup holders, 13 in ground clearance, 120 in long & 64 in wide with a 740 payload capacity the Wildcat weighs in at 1305 lbs. (Sounds like I'm introducing a boxer)

Friday was my first time out with the Wildcat and we rode to Cow Lake and the trails on the East side of the Ghost. The North end of the Cow Lake loop can be challenging in some spots with steep hills and deep washouts and I was amazed how easy the Wildcat handled the changing terrain. With a width of 64 inches it straddled the washouts and easily navigated the steep hills. To enable the Wildcat to slow itself while descending steep hills adding a bit of gas enables the belt to engage and stops the engine from freewheeling down the hills. This saves using your brakes from wearing out too quickly. The rest of the loop is a fairly easy ride which gave me the opportunity to familiarize myself with the incredible power and steering wheel instead of my usual handlebars. The width is also something to take note of as the Wildcat just fits on the ATV bridges and having the ability to judge your tire location is definitely important. The short turning radius makes mud-hole go-arounds more difficult but not impossible with a little maneuvering, the intent of this design by Arctic Cat was to stop unintentional dangerous rollovers at low and high speeds. With plenty of power the Wildcat has to have safety features to protect their riders and they haven't missed out on anything when it comes to safety.

I took the family group out on a club ride on Saturday and did the same ride with the exception the North side of Cow Lake. I was able to really have some fun with the Wildcat and I even tried a few of the mud-holes I went around the day before. The Wildcat easily navigated anything I drove it through.

Sunday was the day I got to have fun with the Wildcat. 10 of us left the Airstrip, 7 ATV's, two Wildcats and 1 RZR, and headed South West to Janie's Hill and then South along Lesueur Creek Trail. For those of you who have driven Lesueur Creek Trail you know there are many challenging sections and the recent floods have only intensified the challenges. The Wildcat is an easy drive up or down even the most challenging hills that include rocks and ledges. Something I would normally take a survey of to decide the best route to drive while on my quad I was able to take the Wildcat up with ease and very little or no concern. Mud-holes were easily navigated but I will say that while driving the Wildcat you are guaranteed to get very dirty. If you go through a mud-hole and try to hit it too fast you are guaranteed to have a lap full of muddy water. The Wildcat scoops the water/mud over the front of the Wildcat ultimately landing it directly in your lap; hence some kind of barrier or waterproof gear is a good idea. Once out of the mud-hole the tires fling the mud covering the Wildcat from front to back. By the end of the weekend I had no idea if I had been given the red or green Wildcat there was so much mud on it. Fenders

might be a good option as well. Our Sunday ride was not a long distance, only 55km, but it did take most of the afternoon to navigate the trails and there were plenty of stops to clean out radiators due to the mud. The ATV's and the RZR had to stop to clean out their radiator due to the deep thick mud but not the Wildcat. This is only one advantage to having the radiator in the upper rear section of the UTV. You never have to worry about overheating due to mud.

I really enjoyed driving the Wildcat, it was something new and I can see purchasing one in the future. For now I like the challenge of driving a quad. With the Wildcat there is no need to use body language for corners, hills or off camber situations and it evokes a sense of safety even on the most challenging of trails. The Wildcat was so much fun without the "pucker factor" that I usually get on some of our rides. If you ride or have ridden with Todd or Sylvain you will know exactly what I am referring to. For the inexperienced driver the Wildcat is forgiving and even the most experienced drivers can have fun and go almost anywhere.

I highly recommend the Wildcat if you are interested in a side by side and I have heard rumors that in 2014 Arctic Cat will be unveiling a 50 inch wide, trail ready version of the Wildcat. I have a feeling we are going to see a lot more Arctic Cats out on the trails in the near future.

A big thank you goes out to Ralph's Motorsports for giving me the opportunity to experience one very fun ride!

Help Keep our trails!

Attend one of the Free SSRP Information session.

For more information check out the web at landuse.alberta.ca

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Newsletter articles needed.

Have you ridden somewhere different this year? Have an opinion about the SSRP?

Tell us about it! Submit your article to the club for a free membership.

CARA Corporate Sponsors

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Calgary AB 403-441-1299
www.bowcyclesouth.com

GW Cycle

1020 Meridian Road NE
Calgary AB 403-569-9555
www.gwcycleworld.com

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1-3915 Edmonton Trail NE
Calgary, AB 403-230-9404
www.t4bmotorsports.com

Bow Ridge Sports

229 Charleswood Avenue
Cochrane AB 403-032-2019
www.bowridgesports.com

Hidden Trials Adventures

PO Box 1711
Cochrane, AB 403-948-5377
www.hiddentrailsadventure.com

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Calgary, AB 403-247-6681
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Calgary, AB 403-291-4868
www.ralphsmotorsports.com

South Saskatchewan Regional Planning Information Session

Join in on the discussion

**Capitol Hill
Community Hall
1531-21 Ave NW
Calgary, Alberta
7:00 PM
Oct. 17, 2013**

There has been much speculation regarding the South Saskatchewan Regional Planning (SSRP) meeting that was held on October 17, 2013 at the Capitol Hill Community Centre. Rumors have it that the SSRP is being established to close all the ATV trails in Alberta which we believe will never happen although there is a chance that some trails and possible complete areas could be closed to off-highway use.

CARA does recognize that the need for change is here and without some type of Management Plan in place we could lose all our trails. The AOHVA has been proactive in attending and voicing their concerns and ideas to the committee for some time now and recommendation have been made to the Government but not all recommendation are in our favor. The Draft Plan was released on October 9th and

the Calgary ATV Riders attended the meeting specifically dedicated to OHV users to review the Draft Plan with the Committee. CARA will attend the Stakeholder Workshop on November 20, 2013 to further the fight to keep our trails and make them better for all users. We look forward to hearing your views on the SSR Plan and how you would like to see it implemented. View the plan on the web: landuse.alberta.ca

Thank you to our Volunteers!

The Calgary ATV Riders Association have held several well attended, well organized, fun and safe events in since 2006 through to 2013. These have included: a family day ride and cookout at McLean Creek in March, a poker rally in April or early May, a three day campout at the Ghost Airstrip in May and September, Hunter Valley Loop in June, Thunder in the Valley in July, a three day campout in August at Car-

oline, the annual Rebels Ride to Margaret Lake in November as well as numerous ad-hoc rides throughout the year.

There is a lot of behind the scenes work by the executives and volunteers that make these events so successful. Every ride and group has a leader and at least one tail-gunner that enhance safety; volunteers do advance scouting and clearing of the proposed trails, arrange for and transport food,

coffee and hot chocolate to events, collect fees, manage the website, arrange for safety courses, attend and defend the Club's interests at various meetings, make trail improvements, and so on.

Thank you to everyone who have made the past years successful and filled with adventure. The Calgary ATV Riders could not have done it without the members and their support.



Without Volunteers the club would not be able to continue. Please help out the club and volunteer!

Youth OHV Safety Education: Resources & Programs

By: Liz Raubach

As a parent, co-owner of Xtreme Safety Training and a CARA safety liaison, I am constantly on the look-out for educational opportunities both for my own children and youths in the community.

Off-highway vehicles are becoming more and more common as many families either own their own machines or have friends and family who do. The need for education has never been greater. Most machines these days are fully automatic, which may lead people to believe that they are easy to operate. However, they are also more powerful and much faster which could put an overconfident, inexperienced rider into a potentially dangerous situation.

One size does not fit all when it comes to OHVs. Manufac-

turers place warning labels with age restrictions on machines but there are other factors to consider. Parents must educate themselves, in order to provide age appropriate recreational opportunities for their children. There are many resources available. The following is a list of resources as well as educational and training services.

COHV- CHVR

The Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council offers a variety of educational resources which are free of charge. Parents are invited to visit their website and order any material which they feel would be beneficial. Their resources include an educational DVD, computer game, activity book and parent information guide.

<http://www.cohv.ca/>

[indexe.html](#) 1-877-470-2288

AOHVA

The Alberta Off-Highway Vehicles Association administers the Ride with Respect program. This is an in-class presentation, which focuses on responsible and safe OHV use. It is available free of charge to school children and youth groups.

The AOHVA also supports the CASI ATV Rider Course which is a hands-on, half day training program which is ideal for youth. There is a cost for this program. However, once a year CARA organizes a free youth class. For more information or to find a local instructor visit:

<http://www.aohva.com/>
403-673-3332

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The need for Education has never been greater!



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www.calgaryatvriders.com/Online_Store_and_Memberships

We're on the web

www.calgaryatvriders.com

2014 Event & Ride Schedule

Feb 17th, Family Day at the Ride Ghost Airstrip

May 3rd, the 7th Annual Poker Rally at McLean Creek

May 17th-20th Long Weekend Camping Riding Ghost Airstrip

May 31st & June 1st - Stewardship Days - Location TBD

June 27th-July 1st Crowsnest Pass (Atlas Staging Area) Saturday CARA sanctioned ride only

Aug 1st-3rd, Camping and Riding in the Caroline area.

Aug 29th-Sept 1st CARA 8th annual Pig Roast / Ghost Airstrip

Nov 1st, the 11th Annual Rebels Ride to Margaret Lake

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CARA Clothing is available Through our website and at all CARA Events.

T-shirts: \$20 & \$25

Ball Caps: \$15 and \$25

Toques: \$15 and \$20

Hoodies: \$45

2014 CARA Membership Renewal and Drive

Now more than ever Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) access and random camping is under attack in our region. Our Club is an established and vigorous provincial leader that is a balanced and environmentally conscious defender of multi-use trails. Your voice must be heard to preserve our sport and places to

ride. If you access the back country and you are interested in being involved in an organization that makes a difference then come Join Us! Please continue to support the Calgary ATV Riders by renewing your membership. Our annual memberships are only \$30 per fam-

ily and cover the period from January 1 to December 31. Corporate memberships are \$100. Current Members who joined on or after Labor Day weekend, are considered members for that quarter as well as for 2014. Membership forms can be downloaded online at www.calgaryatvriders.com.