



CARA CLUB TALK

Message from the President

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Dear Members & Friends,

I would like to start off by saying a huge thank you to our executives as well as the members for making the past year as President a rewarding experience. I am honored and so grateful to be part of such a awesome club that is striving to not only have fun but give our members a safe and enjoyable experience.

We have built strong relationships with the local OHV dealers, Environment and Parks and other local clubs in the area with one common goal, keep you riding, with more joint ventures to come, we will continue to build on those relationships in the coming years and there will be challenges to overcome but those challenges will make the club stronger and unified. Changes will be made and there will be many new faces but the core values of the club will never change. We believe that everyone is welcome and everyone is a valuable member. Your input, support and opinions are always appreciated.

each event had a fantastic turnout and everyone went home safe. Three specific events stand out to me as our most successful of 2020.

Stewardship Days 2020, both the regular June event and the Meadow Creek Project in September. Huge success thanks to all the volunteers! Once again we partnered with the Ghost Community and new partner, Rocky Mountain Dirt Riders Association.

Crew #1 was in charge of cleaning up drainage spots, clearing brush on or adjacent to the trail and draining water holes on Cow Lake Trail.

Crew #2 was in charge of working on the connector from Lost Knife to Lesueur Trail. This has been an ongoing issue for a couple years and we understand that patients are running thin since we have had a crew each year putting a Band-Aid on this section, but we do thank the volunteers who have committed to keeping this trail passable for the time being. CARA has had discussions with Environment & Parks on creating a plan for a sustainable trail in 2021.

Crew #3 was in charge of Trash duty, yes you read that correct, we sent out teams to

Ken Spring, Current president, he's camera shy



pick up trash along Transalta Road, HWY 40, Waiparous Valley Road, South Ghost Stage prairie and Waiparous Stage prairie, part of their task was also to engage with random campers and hand out garbage bags. A huge thank you Canlin Energy who donated a garbage bin for the trash. This year was the cleanest on record, as we only filled up one bin. The word is getting out there, pack out what you pack in.

September Long Pig Roast & Sponsor appreciation day: Once again this event was well attended. Thank you to Bow Ridge and Specialty Tire who both donated door prizes before the Club ride. The 50/50 was also our largest to date, the winner took home \$480.00 We look forward to next year.

Upcoming Events:

• **Rebels Ride November 7th, 2020**

• **Family Day ride: February , 2021**

Year in review:

Over the past year we had 8 very successful events and will continue the traditions. While some events had to be postponed due to the pandemic,



McLean Creek Poker Rally:
This year the poker Rally was postponed due to covid restrictions, we look forward to hosting the event in 2021.

A huge disappointment was having to cancel the Youth ride because of the pandemic, it was well attended and enjoyed by both the kids and our members.

A special thank you!
The Calgary ATV Riders have partnered with three fantastic Dealers in Calgary for the past couple years. Bowridge Sports, Ralph's Motorsports and Specialty Tire. They continue to surprise the club with their generosity and willingness to get involved.

Ralph's Motorsports has promoted the club in their shop and invited the club to all their events. A table has been set up for the club to promote our events and raffles have been held to help our initiatives.

Most dealers in the city have donated items that are auctioned off at our May Long Weekend Silent Auction to benefit our Stewardship days. All proceeds from the auction go towards camping fees and the volunteer BBQ that is held on the Saturday during the stewardship days.

The Calgary ATV Riders look forward to partnering with more dealers in the future making a stronger Calgary ATV/ UTV community. Please contact ken@calgaryatvriders.com for ideas for 2021.





Working with Environment & Park is a rewarding experience.

Meadow Creek Project

2020 was a fantastic year for trail maintenance. CARA would like to acknowledge the ALBERTA CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION for their generous donation of \$16,500.00. Without this valuable contribution we would not have been able to perform the machine work required to complete the project. Thank you.

On behalf of CARA, we would like to announce that the Meadow Creek Project was completed in September. First and most importantly, please join us in thanking your members who volunteered from Tuesday to Saturday. In Total there was 22 volunteers who put in 375 hard hours of valuable team work. Words can't express the gratitude to these members, THANK YOU.

We also partnered with Environment & Parks, who supplied over 76 hours of in-kind work in mapping the new re-route, helping to move deadfall to create a barrier to close off traffic to the sensitive areas, Installed signage and offered advice on trail sustainability. Trout Unlimited Canada and Ghost Watershed Alliance also played a part in the group project success. We worked with Trout Unlimited to understand the need of protecting and improving the sustainability of

the Meadow Creek, and we also had volunteers work with them on Saturday to place barriers to keep sediment from entering the creek behind the gravel pit WP109 to WP117. And finally, Thank you to the Ghost Watershed Alliance who held a course on the Friday to demonstrate the importance of Bioengineering, We then worked with their volunteers to plant willows along the creek for future bank sustainability.

The overall objective of the Meadow Creek Trail Rehabilitation Project was to implement habitat rehabilitation and protection activities along Meadow Creek in the Waiparous Creek watershed. As part of a trail realignment project to protect Westslope Cutthroat Trout and Bull Trout habitat while improving access conditions on the Lesueur Creek Trail for OHV Riders, Outdoor Recreationalists, Hunters and Anglers. The project objective was achieved by implementing access control techniques at key sites along the Lesueur trail where traffic is being diverted onto the newly built trail segment.

The project resulted in the following deliverables:
Develop approximately 4km of rerouted sustainable trail, in conjunction with closure of the

existing valley bottom trail segment,

Access control and rehabilitation activities at two sites along Meadow Creek and Tributaries, Reclamation of approximately 300m of former trail to encourage regrowth and recovery of meadow and riparian habitats

Rehabilitation workday held to engage volunteers, and planting of approximately 1000 live willow stakes at reclamation sites.

If you're not familiar with the area where the work above took place it is within the Ghost PLUZ from WP 89 to WP 85 as well as WP 109 to WP117. As a result of the work above WP 87 to WP 85 also required maintenance for future sustainability. CARA spent two days cleaning up overhanging deadfall, trimming willows and grading off camber spots for user safety. We were also able to repair the washout on the hill close to the trail-head at WP87.

Please take a look at the pictures as we are very proud of the work done and our collaboration with the groups mentioned above.

Also thank you to our Safety Officer, you will see them hard at work in one of the pictures (LOL).

"2020 was a fantastic year for trail maintenance

Our Crews Hard at Work!





Our largest project was the Meadow Creek Project, improvements so all users can enjoy the Ghost PLUZ

Top left photo: Cara & E&P taking a brake while closing off the Valley Trail.

Top right photo: Trail closure to the River

Bottom left photo: Tom cutting new trail on the ridge, would rather ride a great trail, compared to a meadow.

Bottom right photo: Evening Dinner after a hard days work, most volunteers camped at Joe and Denise's, thank you for allowing us to stay on your beautiful property.

Opposite page:

Top Left: Safety Officer hard at work.

Top right: Trail closure to the Valley, to the right in the picture is the start of the new trail to the ridge.

Middle Left: Trail crew moving deadfall to close of the valley.

Middle Right: Trail Crew clearing the new trail.

Bottom Left: Trail Crew clearing overhanging brush for rider safety

Bottom right: Trail crew clearing fallen trees on new trail.



Sandon, far below.

"ride along paths that vary from well-maintained forest service roads (FSRs) to narrow, cliff hugging trails that are barely wider than your machine"

Discovering a new place to ride. Travel to the unknown and discover beautiful trails

Despite having some good areas to ride right here in southern Alberta, it's always fun to discover new places to enjoy that are a little further afield. The east and west Kootenays, while not being in the "day trip" category, can easily be accessed within a day's drive, providing you with some spectacular destination rides along paths that vary from well-maintained forest service roads (FSRs) to narrow, cliff hugging trails that are barely wider than your machine. The end result is always fantastic scenery WITHOUT the inevitable crush of riders we typically run into during the summer in many places in Alberta.

One of a number of our favorite rides in the Kootenays is the Sandon area, a site of some

great historical significance in regards to Silver mining in BC, located a few km. east of New Denver. Plunked down in what's known as the "Silvery Slocan", Sandon itself is now a Ghost town, but still contains some really interesting buildings including a museum, power station and even a renovated brothel. It's easy to spend a few hours just walking around the old place. Did we mention it's also an excellent staging point for, at least, a couple of days' worth of glorious mountain riding? Unloading in an empty parking lot adjacent to Molly Brown's brothel, you can set out to reach Idaho Peak via the 12 km forestry road which ends at one of two parking lots. This is a relatively smooth trail that is accessed by

all kinds of vehicles, from 4X4 trucks to family sedans to OHVs. At the time we went, we were very glad to have had the quad for this trip – the road gets really skinny in a number of places. Check out U-tube videos of Idaho Peak to give you a good idea of how narrow it can get! As the elevation increases, so does the amount of views you can enjoy. Once at the parking lot, it's time to start hiking, about 2km and 500 ft of elevation gain. The scenery along the way and at the top is simply spectacular. This is a definite must-do if you happen to be in the area. Including the drive up and back down, you should plan on 4-5 hrs if you hike to the peak.

Once back in Sandon, and if



Left top: Heading to the switchbacks

Right top: Molly Brown's Brothel

Bottom left: Old building in Cody.

Bottom right: Old mine entrance



you still have lots of daylight to burn, you can decide to explore any number of trails that branch off from the town site. The Stenson creek drainage to the north and east of the town site is certainly an interesting one. This is easily a day-long affair and realistically, we're sure you could spend days exploring just this section of mountain. About one km down the road, you'll pass through Cody, another ghost town and if you blink, you WILL miss it! There are only a couple of old buildings still standing (barely) but remnants of the old Noble Five mine nearby are worth a look. If you come this way, this will be the first of many mine artifacts you will come across as you head up the mountain. It's interesting to note that some mines in the area are still being worked and in at least one case, the original rolling stock is still being used.... Soon

you'll arrive at the switchbacks. Here, the road narrows into an actual trail but it is well-used and is relatively smooth. Now the climb begins in earnest and by the time you reach the other side, you'll have wheeled around 29 tight curves and finished with an elevation gain of just over 3000 ft. And yep, the views are spectacular and only get better as you keep going. Once into the Stenson Crk. Drainage, you can explore to your heart's desire, even continuing farther north to another ghost town, Retallack. When we were there, one of the interesting things we discovered was a mini track-hoe surrounded by giant sculpted mounds of dirt that were being used as cycle jumps. This, literally 2 hours travel from any road! Weird stuff that goes on in the BC back country.

Another great trail to explore is the one leading around Payne mountain. Again, this is a

climb and you'll soon be presented with fantastic vistas that include the Idaho Peak road across the valley. Many more old mine sites can be explored as well. Payne Mountain is also the place where that famous and incredible picture of the train hugging the steep cliffs was taken. While you can't ride your ATV to that spot, those of you with energy and a sense of adventure will enjoy the challenge of a relatively short but steep hike to an area steeped in history.

Other trails around Sandon will beckon you to follow them. We simply ran out of time and could have easily stayed and explored lots more. We know we'll be back for sure! By the way, we've got GPS tracks of the two described above and would be happy to share them.

Cheers,

Louis Maisonneuve



Old boiler in the town debris.

"Other trails around Sandon will beckon you to follow them. We simply ran out of time and could have easily stayed and explored lots more"



Left top: Old tramway support

Right top: Backhoe and jumps.

Bottom left: One of the many hairpins.

Bottom right: Old locomotive in downtown Sandon.



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Thank you to our Volunteers!



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

The Calgary ATV Riders Association have held several well attended, well organized, fun and safe events in since 2006 through to 2020. 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, a three day campout in August at Caroline, 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.

Keep your Radiator Clean!

We just can't tell you enough how important it really is!

When was the last time you were on the trails out for a long enjoyable ride with friends and theirs that one person in the group whose ATV overheats? This is something we find happens far too often while on club rides. The group will stop somewhere and clean their radiators to ensure a smooth, uneventful ride back yet there is always that one guy or gal who does not think it is necessary. Not 10 minutes down the trail with absolutely not a water source in site they overheat. After waiting for 20 minutes for them to cool down you go another 10 minutes and they overheat again and every 10 minutes for the next hour or two until you get back to the vehicles. It would have been easier for them to take those few minutes while everyone else was cleaning their radiator and give it a couple of squirts. It seems lately while on a club ride we are stopping regularly to wait for an ATV or UTV that has overheated. While we wonder what the problem could be, one look and it is confirmed, the radiator is packed with mud. The first question that comes to mind is "When was the last time you cleaned your rad?" Some of the most memorable answers have been, "Never", "I didn't know I had to clean the rad", "What, it's not that bad" or my favorite, "Why should I clean my rad, it's never over-heated before?" Sometimes you just have to shake your head and wonder if they know the damage that could happen to their

bike. Never mind holding up the group while they stop every few kilo-meters to cool their ATV down until they can reach a water source somewhere along the trail to clean their rad: which by the way is only a temporary solution. Now most of us would avoid the mud puddles for the rest of the day to prevent another overheating occurrence but not this person, they continue to play as much as they can in the mud and they overheat on a continual basis. Does this sound like someone you know or maybe you are that person?

Cleaning your rad after and during every ride is an essential part of regular maintenance. Not only do you want to clean the front of your rad but you want to make sure the backside is clean as well. You should be able to shine a light from the back of your radiator and see the light through to the front from corner to corner, not just in the centre. There may be times when the radiator must be removed and soaked to completely remove the fine dust that accumulates and creates a concrete barrier. This is usually only necessary if you are a regular mudder.

There are many problems that can arise from continual or excessive overheating your ATV are, but not limited to: loss of antifreeze, base gasket leaking oil, piston and or rings melting, damaged water pump, blown head gaskets and in extreme cases irreparable dam-

age to your engine and your friends never asking you to come riding with them again. The best advice I can give is clean your radiator front and back using a high pressure washer after each ride ensuring the water runs clean. Carry a "Radblaster", pump or something you can use to clean your radiator with when you are close to water a water source. Radblaster's are a great item to have on your ATV or UTV. They can be used in the shallowest puddle of water and the pressure they produce is equal to the force you use. Check you radiator often and if others are cleaning their radiator it might be a good idea to clean yours as well. If you like to play in the mud clean it often or have it relocated. Most important is to never drive your ATV if it is overheating. Stop until it cools down and if possible clean you radiator. Reminder: be respectful when cleaning your radiator. Never drive your ATV or UTV up and down creeks or riverbeds..



What your radiator should look like when it is clean.

"Don't be that guy."



What your radiator looks like when it is filled with mud.

Canadian Annual Industry Statistics Report Summary

Retail ATV Sales

The following statistical information has been compiled using data from actual shipments by COHV members. COHV member companies account for over 90 percent of total ATV sales in Canada.

- COHV all-terrain vehicle brands: Arctic Cat, BRP (Can Am), Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Polaris, Suzuki, and Yamaha
- COHV Model Year January 1st – December 31st.

In 2019, sales of new all-terrain vehicles were approximately five hundred and nineteen million dollars at retail based on industry estimates.

Table 2.1 Estimated ATV Retail Dollar Sales 2015-2019: (expressed in \$000)

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
643,776	644,575	646,962	612,098	519,382

Table 2.2 Retail ATV New Unit Sales 2015-2019

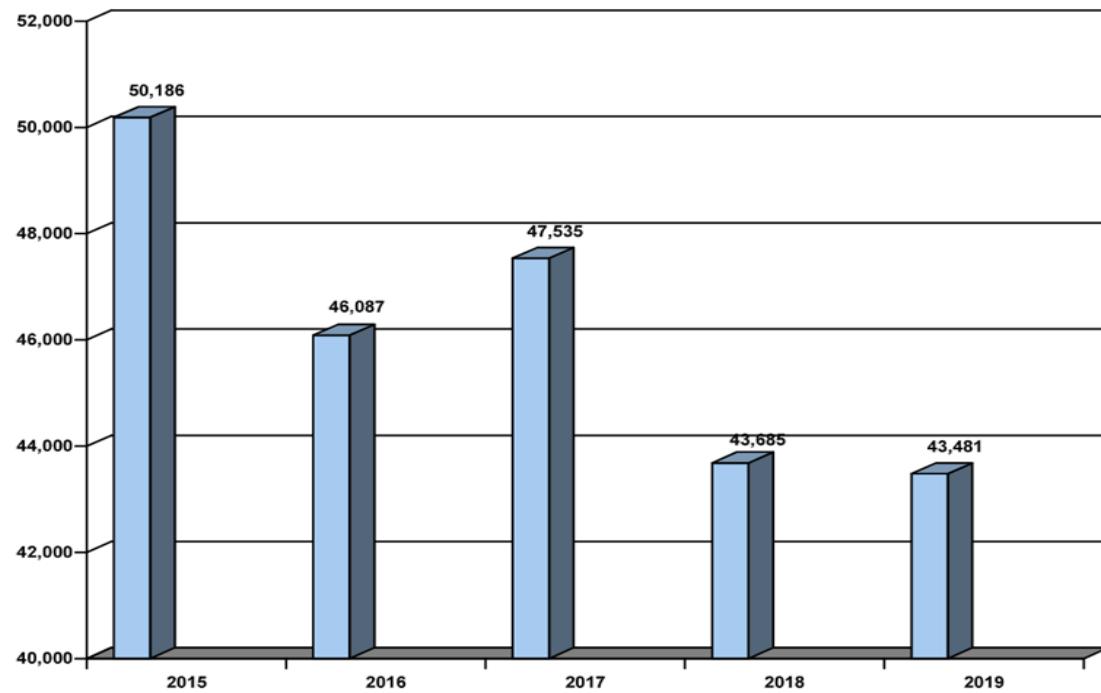


Table 2.3 Retail ATV Sales by Province 2015-2019: (in # of units)

Province	Estimated Population as of December 31 st 2019, (Statistics Canada)	New Unit Sales				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
British Columbia	5,105,576	3,953	3,387	3,512	3,149	3,163
Alberta	4,395,586	7,425	5,204	5,186	4,708	4,214
Saskatchewan	1,116,427	3,455	3,269	3,142	1,799	1,626
Manitoba	1,373,859	2,405	2,095	2,157	1,715	1,644
Ontario	14,659,616	12,268	12,558	13,898	12,986	12,534
Quebec	8,522,800	10,645	10,331	11,343	11,066	11,628
New Brunswick	789,021	2,324	2,177	2,198	1,931	2,088
Prince Edward Island	158,041	277	265	272	341	325
Nova Scotia	976,768	2,460	2,509	2,315	2,127	2,230
Newfoundland	521,922	4,113	3,808	3,418	2,871	2,941
Northwest Territories	44,895	276	216	198	184	174
Yukon Territory	41,022	168	154	206	189	222
Nunavut	38,847	599	447	530	629	525
Total	37,797,496	50,186	46,087	47,535	43,685	43,481

Table 2.4 Retail ATV Sales by Province 2015-2019: (in % of units)

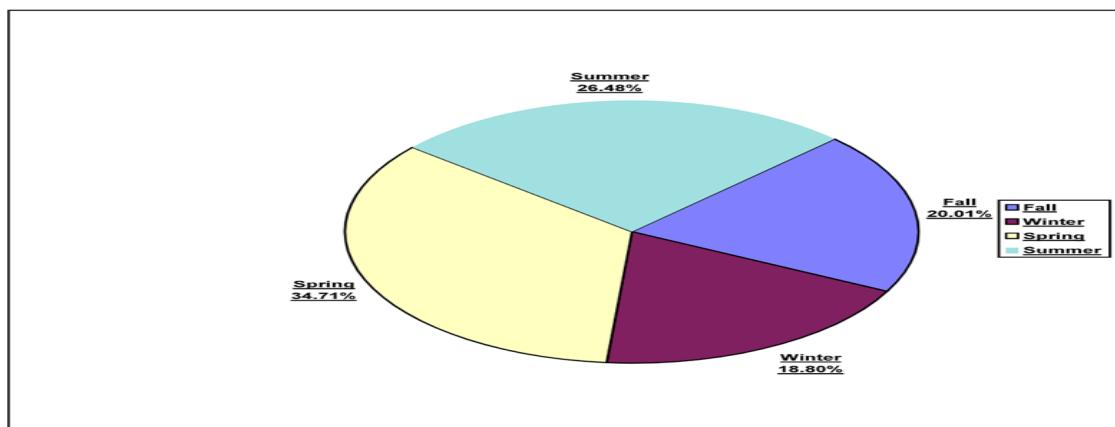
Province	Percent of estimated population as of December 31 st 2019 (Statistics Canada)	Percent of New Unit Sales				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
British Columbia	13.51	7.88	7.35	7.39	7.21	7.27
Alberta	11.63	14.89	11.29	10.91	10.78	9.69
Saskatchewan	3.12	6.81	5.48	5.72	4.09	3.74
Manitoba	3.63	4.79	4.55	4.54	3.93	3.78
Ontario	38.78	24.45	27.25	29.24	29.73	28.83
Quebec	22.55	21.21	22.42	23.86	25.33	26.74
New Brunswick	2.06	4.63	5.16	4.62	4.42	4.80
Prince Edward Island	0.92	0.55	0.57	0.50	0.78	0.68
Nova Scotia	2.58	4.90	5.44	4.82	4.87	5.13
Newfoundland	1.38	8.2	8.26	7.19	6.57	6.76
Northwest Territories	0.12	0.55	0.47	0.42	0.42	0.40
Yukon Territory	0.11	0.33	0.33	0.43	0.43	0.51
Nunavut	0.10	0.78	1.07	1.11	1.44	1.37
Total	100.00	100	100	100	100	100.00

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Table 2.5 Retail ATV Sales by Season 2015-2019: (in % of new unit sales)

Season	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jan – Mar	18.3	20.53	18.72	18.85	17.62
Apr – Jun	35.68	33.64	35.26	33.89	35.07
July – Sept	24.99	26.49	26.59	27.21	27.13
Oct - Dec	21.03	19.34	19.43	20.05	20.18
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Table 2.6 Retail ATV Sales by Season: (2015 - 2019 Average)



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We're on the web & Facebook

www.calgaryatvriders.com

CARA Clothing is being reviewed, we have a member that is looking at options. Webpage will be updated when we have an option.

2021 CARA Membership Renewal and Drive

Now more than ever Off High-way 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 de-fender 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 inter-

ested 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 \$40 per family 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 2021. Membership forms can be downloaded online at www.calgaryatvriders.com.

Memberships are only \$40 per Family and include all riding events listed above!

2021 Event & Ride Schedule To Be Confirmed

Feb , Family Day at the Ride Ghost Airstrip

May/October Annual Poker Rally at McLean Creek

May: Deep Fry Night and Ride

May Long Weekend Camping Riding Ghost Airstrip

June - Seventh Annual Stewardship Days

July long weekend Camping & Riding (Location TBD)

Saturday CARA sanctioned ride only

Aug long weekend Camping & Riding (Location TBD)

September long weekend CARA 16th annual Pig Roast at the Ghost Airstrip

Nov the 18th Annual Rebels Ride to Margaret Lake

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