



# CARA CLUB TALK

## Message from the President

Written by: Ken Spring

### Inside this issue:

Message From the President	1
Sponsors update and event pictures.	2
Cow Lake & Lesueur Trail	3
Our Crews Hard at Work	4
Discovering a new place to Ride	6
CARA Corporate Sponsors	8
Thank Volunteers!	8
Keep your Radiator Clean! We just can't tell you	9
Canadian Annual Industry Statistics Report Summary	10
CARA 2022 Ride Schedule	12
2022 CARA Membership Renewal & Drive	12

### Upcoming Events:

- Family day ride, 2022
- Night ride: March 2022

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 an 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 more 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.

### 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,

each event had a fantastic turnout and everyone went home safe. Three specific events stand out to me as our most successful of 2021.

Stewardship Days 2021, both the regular June event and the Lesueur Trail in September: Huge success thanks to all the volunteers and contractors! Once again we partnered with the Ghost Community Environment & Parks, Trout Unlimited, Ghost Watershed Alliance Society.

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 Trash duty, yes you read that correct, we sent out teams to pick up trash along TransAlta Road, HWY 40, Waiparous Valley Road, South Ghost Stage PRA and Waiparous Stage PRA, 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, we did fill in two bins, but also almost doubled the cleanup area. The word is getting out there, pack out what you pack in.

Ken Spring, Current president, he's camera shy



Don McKay Memorial Pig Roast & Sponsor appreciation day: Once again this event was well attended. Thank you to Bow Ridge who, attended and donated door prizes before the Club ride. The 50/50 was also our largest to date, the winner took home \$480.00 We also gave out our first Don McKay memorial award to Brian Rosvick. Please join me in thanking him for his hard volunteer work and dedication to the club. Brian is always willing to lend a hand, tool, and or advise. A very valued member of your club. We look forward to next year.

We were able to work with The Starlight Children's Foundation and will discuss in more detail on page 2. This was a great event, and all look forward to it growing in 2022





A special thank you! 2021 was a special year in regards that it was our first year working with The Starlight Children's Foundation.

When a child is seriously or chronically ill, everyone in the family is affected. Sometimes the daily struggles of caring for a sick child are so oppressive, the thought of leaving the house for a family event seems impossible.

Starlight understands what families go through when a child is sick, and the importance of breaking the cycle of depression and loneliness.

Your (volunteer) day with the families will help them to forget about their medical issues and have some fun as a family.

This event was well supported by your volunteers, we had a total of 60 volunteers. From drivers in the field to volunteers back at camp, sizing helmets, tending to the fires, games, parking and organizing. This event went very smooth because of the dedication of our volunteers and commitment to the children and families from Starlight of which 93 were in attendance. Pictures are worth a 1000 words, so will let the pictures tell the story.







Working with Ghost Watershed Alliance Society & Trout Unlimited is a rewarding experience.

## *Cow Lake Trail & Lesueur Trail work*

2021 was a fantastic year for trail maintenance.

On behalf of CARA, we would like to announce that the Cow Lake and Lesueur Trails upgrade 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 33 volunteers who put in 438 hard hours of valuable team work. Words can't express the gratitude to these members, THANK YOU.

And finally, Thank you to the Ghost Watershed Alliance who held a course on the Friday to demonstrate the importance of Bioengineering, As well as Trout Unlimited for donating 1000 willows. We then worked with their volunteers to plant willows along the creek for future bank sustainability.

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

Our bioengineering crew, along with Trout Unlimited, The Ghost watershed and Trails for Tomorrow, made a huge impact by doing willow staking along bridges on Cow Lake Trail. The project has reaffirmed to Environment and Parks that we are a club that cares about the environment.

.

For more information on how you can help during our stewardship days please email:  
[info@calgaryatvriders.com](mailto:info@calgaryatvriders.com)

**"2021 was a  
fantastic year  
for trail  
maintenance"**



## *Our Crews Hard at Work!*







Our largest project was the Cow Lake & Lesueur Trails maintenance, so all users can enjoy the Ghost PLUZ

Top left photo: Lesueur trail repair for proper drainage,

Top right photo: Manually clearing out drainage for spring run off.

Bottom left photo: Crew clearing out drainage to allow proper runoff off water in the spring.

Bottom right photo: Crew taking a break after a long day of work.

#### **Opposite page:**

Top Left: CARA install of culvert on Cow Lake trail for proper drainage

Top right: Culvert showing proper drainage for sustainable trail

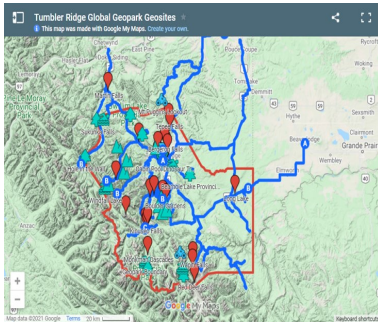
Middle Left: Install of matting on Lesueur Trail in a low area for sustainable trail. Soil does go on top of the mat, picture for effect

Middle Right: Same matting for a better approach to bridge access, same process, soil is placed on top of matting

Bottom Left: Crew draining large hole and adding proper drainage for sustainable trail for years to come.

Bottom Right: Repaired trail with drainage for sustainable trail.





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

### Tumbler Ridge BC and area .

We started planning for this trip almost a year in advance. Tumbler Ridge is located about 2-1/2 hours west of Grande Prairie so it's a fairly long drive from Calgary. A little background information about Tumbler Ridge:

*"Tumbler Ridge is a relatively small area, the hills, mountains and valleys around the town contain a remarkable variety of geological features and is known as an outdoors person's paradise. Founded in the early 80's as a mining community Tumbler Ridge has developed into a world class destination for eco-tourism. Featuring a full season's worth of hiking trails and many other recreational options Tumbler Ridge offers a unique experience. There is a magnificent diversity of outstanding and accessible mountain geology, extraordinary waterfalls, and dinosaur fossils and trackways unmatched in the known world. The area is also recognized internationally by UNESCO as a Global Geopark. Outdoor recreation goes way beyond hiking and exploring. They have active ATV and snowmobile clubs that have developed the back country for quadding, sledding and use by side by sides. The Murray River is also an amazing place to take a jet boat and they have campsites and lakes to satisfy any visitor whether they want to kayak, camp or just enjoy the peaceful serenity of the wilderness."*

*Source: <https://www.tumblerridgegeopark.ca/>*

There are literally hundreds of kilometers of marked trails in the area and we had information for about 24 of them. Our original plans included about 10 people, mostly all from the Calgary area. To help keep the costs down we were planning to haul the ATV's up on one or two flat deck trailers and the rest of the group would travel up in a SUV. For accommodation, we planned on staying in a hotel or a VRBO in the town of Tumbler Ridge and then drive out to the staging areas each day. Most trails are within an hour's drive of the town center so staying right in Tumbler Ridge had lots of advantages and amenities as it's a town of nearly 2000



Day1: For the first day we opted for easier trails but still knocked off plenty of Km's. We started off riding a moderately easy trail that goes up along the mountain ridge overlooking the town of TR and then continued to Quality Lake, then on to Bear Hole Lake and then up to the fire lookout on Thunder Mountain which is the highest point in that area. After that, we took a bit of a back track and then we did a side trail to [Mountain Goat Canyon](#) where we actually got to see some mountain goats resting on a ridge. All in all, it was a very scenic and easy trail that consisted mostly of old logging, exploration and mining roads and trails. To finish the day off, we took the vehicles down to [Kinuseo Falls](#). They are quite spectacular and one of the real gems in the area. They are a 70m cascading

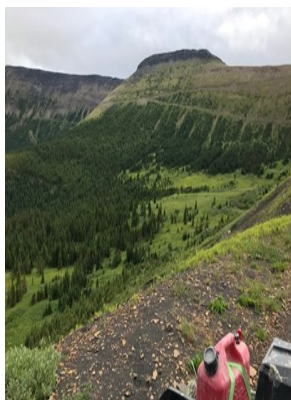




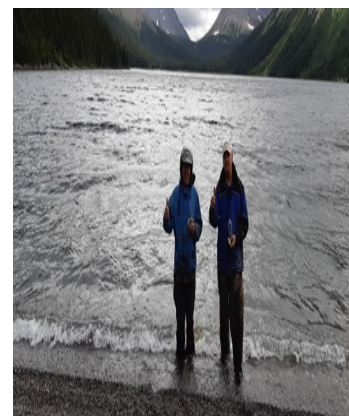
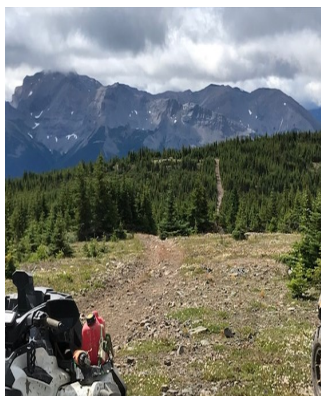
Day 2: Adventures took us to Red Deer Falls and then on to Warner Lake which is below Mounts Knutsen and Pearson. It is a spectacular trail with amazing scenery and cliffs. It is rated moderately difficult, but it is very easy to the falls. The trail from Red Deer Falls to Warner Lake is an awesome high alpine trail that is a bit over grown in places. It includes a couple of legal river crossings that can be impassible depending on the water level. It also had a couple of mud holes and some rock crawls, but nothing that we found too difficult.



Day 3: We rode the Bull Moose and epic Mount Spieker trail which is a one-of-a-kind trail that runs up along a mountain ridge above the tree line. This is rated as one of the top 10 ATV trails in all of Canada for its beauty; and some would say it's actually the best. We were just shy of 2000m at the summit. The weather could have been better, but it was still an amazing day and ride. After that we also did some good old adventure riding down a pipeline and found a couple of really good and fun trails in the Bull moose area. All in all, a fantastic ride and day.



Day 4: Our last riding day in the area, and it was a toss-up between two trails, Core lodge/5 Cabin creek/Mt Roman or Onion Lake trail. Teresa and Margaret opted for a break, so Malcolm and I decided to do the Onion Lake trail. It's one of the premier trails in the Tumbler Ridge area that TRMORE has rated 5 out of 5 for difficulty and it did not disappoint. It's an in and out trail that's only a 54km round trip, but they recommend that you allow 10 to 12 hours to complete it. After we completed it, both Malcolm and I agreed that it was one of the nicest but hardest trails that we have ever been on! Luckily it was a perfect day and we had great conditions. The trail is extremely technical including about 5 mountain peaks, steep rocky climbs, roots and stumps, boulders, muskeg, and extreme off cambers. It's best done in small groups. If a machine breaks down back in there chances are that the only way that you're going to get it back out is by helicopter, so plan accordingly. This trail is not for the faint of heart, but if you are an experienced rider and like to challenge your abilities, this trail is a must. *An interesting side note about Onion Lake is that it drains via an under-lake outlet.*



## *CARA Corporate Sponsors*

### **Ralph's Motorsports**

262117 Balzac Blvd

Balzac, AB 403-291-4868

[www.ralphsmotorsports.com](http://www.ralphsmotorsports.com)

### **Cycle works Calgary**

4127 6st n.e.

Calgary, AB

---

### **Bow Ridge Sports**

229 Charlesworth Avenue

Cochrane AB 403-932-2019

### **Specialty Tire & Lube**

421 53 Avenue S.E

Calgary, Ab 403-252-3055

---

### **Spray Lake Sawmills**

305 Griffin Road W

Cochrane, AB 403-932-2234

### **Canlin Energy Corporation**

Wildcat Hills Plant

Cochrane, AB

## *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 2021. 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 center. 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 low pressure hose 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 your 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 your 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

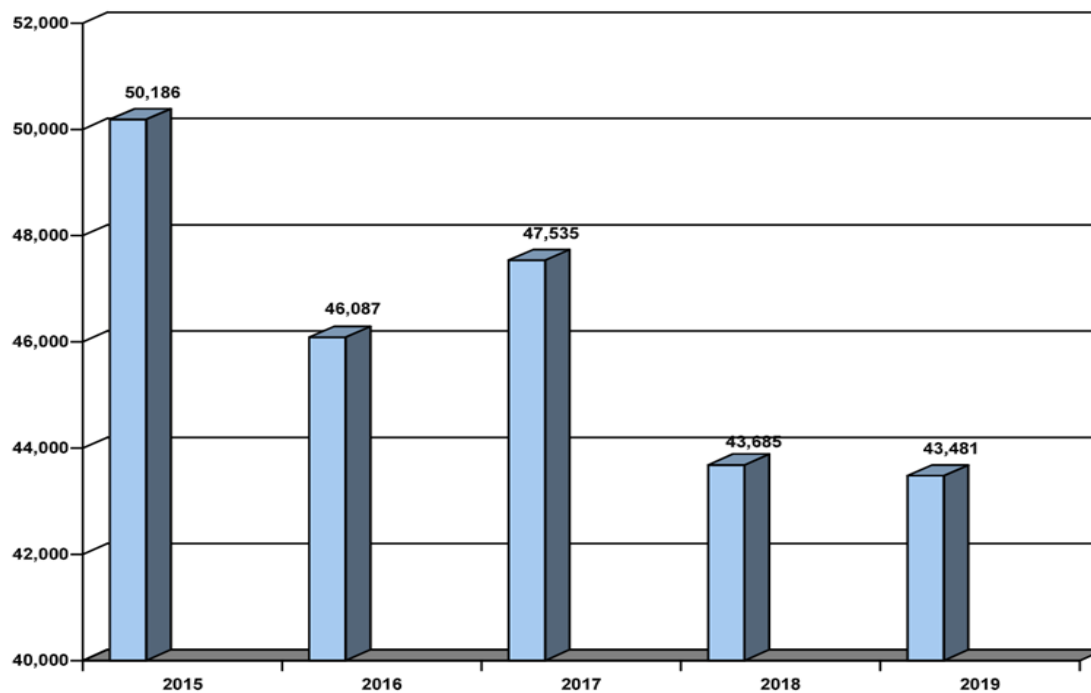




Table 2.3 Retail ATV Sales by Province 2015-2019: (in # of units)

Province	Estimated Population as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> 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	7,472	5,204	5,186	4,708	4,214
Saskatchewan	1,178,657	3,435	2,690	2,242	1,789	1,626
Manitoba	1,273,859	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	2,377	2,198	1,931	2,083
Prince Edward Island	157,091	277	263	332	341	425
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	38,873	390	495	530	629	595
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)

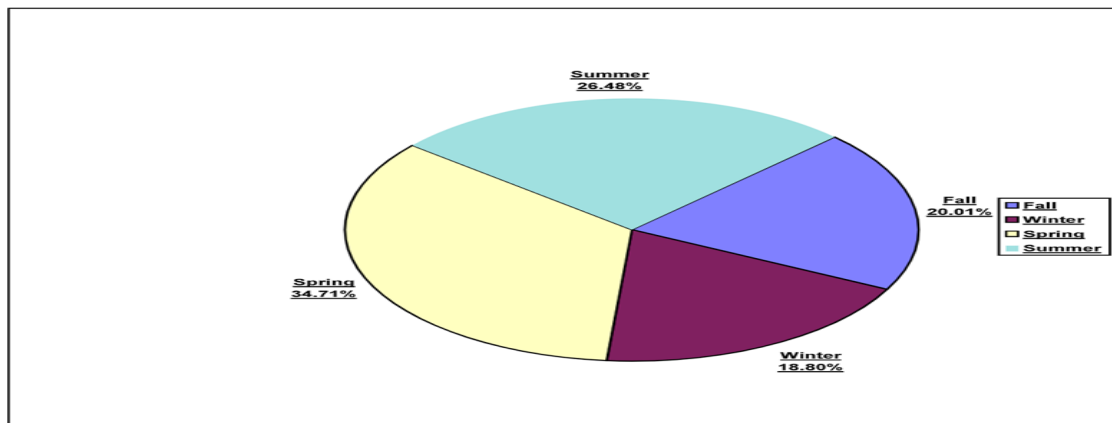
Province	Percent of estimated population as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2019 (Statistic Canada)	Percent of New Unit Sales				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
British Columbia	13.51	7.88	7.35	7.39	7.21	7.27
Alberta	11.63	14.89	11.29	10.91	10.78	9.69
Saskatchewan	3.12	6.84	5.84	4.72	4.09	3.74
Manitoba	3.63	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	0.42	0.55	0.57	0.70	0.78	0.98
Nova Scotia	2.58	4.90	5.44	4.87	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

14

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)





## Calgary ATV Riders Association



Box 51051

8120 Beddington Blvd. NW

Calgary, Alberta T3K 3V0

E-mail: [info@calgaryatvridders.com](mailto:info@calgaryatvridders.com)

Web Site: [www.calgaryatvridders.com](http://www.calgaryatvridders.com)

Internet forums: [www.calgaryatvridders.com/car](http://www.calgaryatvridders.com/car)

On-line memberships and clothing purchase:

[www.calgaryatvridders.com/Online\\_Store\\_and Memberships](http://www.calgaryatvridders.com/Online_Store_and_Memberships)

**We're on the web & Facebook**

[www.calgaryatvridders.com](http://www.calgaryatvridders.com)

### 2022 Event & Ride Schedule To Be Confirmed

**February**, Family Day at the Ghost Pluz

**March:** Night Ride Mclean Creek

**May** Long Weekend Camping Riding Ghost Airstrip

**June** - Eighth Annual Stewardship Days

**July long weekend** Camping & Riding (Crowsnest Area)

Saturday CARA sanctioned ride only

**Aug long weekend** Camping & Riding (B.C.)

**September long weekend** CARA 17th annual Don McKay Memorial Pig Roast at the Ghost Airstrip

**September:** 2nd Starlight Children's Foundation day rides

**Nov** the 19th Annual Rebels Ride to Margaret Lake

### 2021/2022 Calgary ATV Riders Board of Directors

*Ken Spring*— President (403) 669-1585

*Kevin Dyck* — Vice President

*Louis Massonneuve* — Treasurer

*Myron Wintonyk* — Secretary

*Devon Gillespie* - Director

*Eric Lebanc* — Director

*Dave Cress* — Director

*Dannon Kruse* — Director

*Tom Jepson* — Director

**CARA Clothing is now available. Proceed to the web page and click on store, link will lead you to the site.**

## 2022 CARA Membership Renewal and Drive

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 \$40 per family and cover the period from January 1 to December 31. Corporate memberships are \$100. We are also looking at adding future benefits to members, stay tuned.

Current Members who joined on or after Labor Day weekend, are consid-

ered members for that quarter as well as for 2022 Membership forms can be downloaded online at [www.calgaryatvridders.com](http://www.calgaryatvridders.com).

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