

# QuadNews




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**READY, SET, GO:** The 2011 version of ATV/BC's annual poker ride will take place in Merritt this year. The event, which always gets a big thumb's-up, is expecting 600 riders this year.

MERRITT, B.C.

## 7th Annual ATV/BC Poker Ride

*Get ready for the largest poker ride in the province*

by WAYNE DREGER

ATV/BC will be holding its 7th annual Poker Ride in Merritt, B.C., on June 25th, 2011.

This event is the largest poker ride in B.C. and everyone is welcome. We are expecting 600 riders.

Camping and festivities will be held at the Nicola Valley rodeo grounds.

### A can't-miss event

With the help and assistance of the Nicola Valley Quad Club, this is an event you do not want to miss. You'll learn about new areas to ride and sights to see. Join us in this fun-filled event—mark your calendar now. Tell your friends. If you want to meet some new friends, come to the poker ride.

This event is open to quads and side-by-sides with four wheels due to insurance requirements.

Merritt is just three hours from Vancouver and even easier driving distance from Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops.

A large camping area features potable water on site, showers and washrooms, with a sanidump near by.

Dry camping is available from June 22nd to June 26th at \$15 per night. Day parking costs \$5.

### Top prize: \$3,000 cash

The first prize is \$3,000 cash. The second prize is a quad trailer (\$2,300 value, donated by Kitt Equipment Trailer Sales) and the third prize is \$500 cash.

Tickets for the 2011 ATV raffle will be available from ATV/BC directors or at the ATV/BC office. This year, the prize is a 2011 550 XP Polaris. The draw will take place on Saturday, June 25th. Tickets are just \$10 each.

Poker hands are \$10 each or 12 for \$50 (full card).

All riders are required to comply with driver's licence and liability insurance requirements when riding forest service roads.

### All for a good cause

Proceeds from this event allow ATV/BC to continue our efforts to secure riding areas for all. Please ride responsibly and tread lightly.

If you would like more information about the poker ride, visit [www.atvbc.ca](http://www.atvbc.ca).

## ATV/BC NEWS

### It's membership renewal time

by WAYNE DREGER

Another year has gone by and it's time to renew your ATV/BC membership. Without your support we cannot continue to fight for your right to ride.

It is your support that allows ATV/BC to act on your behalf and represent the quad riders of this province. You can obtain your membership through a local club, online or with a participating insurance agency. Make sure your liability insurance is up to date.

Mark your calendar for June 25th and attend the ATV/BC Poker Ride in Merritt. The AGM and Jamboree will be held in Prince George from August 15th to 21st.

Keep up to date on events and news in the quadder's world by checking the ATV/BC website. Club rides can be posted on the site. If your club is going on a ride, take some pictures, write a short story and send it to me (or the ATV/BC office) and it may appear in the ATV/BC newsletter.

There is information on the website pertaining to registration and it is updated as received. If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve communication, please let us know.

Remember, you are ATV/BC—each and every member. Without you, there is no ATV/BC. For info, visit us at [www.atvbc.ca](http://www.atvbc.ca).

# 12th annual ATV Jamboree & AGM

*'Peaks, Pines & Rivers' is the theme for this year's jamboree*

Submitted by JEFF MOHR  
The three Prince George ATV clubs will host the Peaks, Pines & Rivers 2011 ATV/BC Annual General Meeting and Jamboree August 15th to 21st, 2011.

Sharing hosting duties are the Prince George ATV Club, the Ridgeriders ATV Club and the Northern Trail Blazers ATV Club.

We welcome all ATVers from all over the province and beyond to come and ride our trails on beautiful Tabor Mountain.

There are approximately 350 kilometres of trails to enjoy. In addition, rides will be offered to Barkerville and other external locations should there be enough interest.

Camping is available next to the Tabor Mountain trails, which will allow for ease of access to many rides of varying length.

Campfires will be allowed in designated areas only, contingent on campfire bans in place at the time. There is no electricity available; however, potable

water can be found on site.

Nominations for the Saturday elections must be received before August 5th, 2011.

To register for the ATV/BC Jamboree and Annual General Meeting please go to the website, <https://sites.google.com/site/2011atvjamboree>, download and complete the registration form, then mail it along with payment to the following address:

2011 ATV Jamboree  
5601 Bears paw Crescent  
Prince George, B.C. V2N 6P7



## 2011 ATV Jamboree & ATV/BC AGM Schedule of Events - subject to change

### Monday, August 15, 2011

- Registration and camping opens
- Self-guided trail rides on Tabor Mountain

### Tuesday, August 16, 2011

- Self-guided trail rides on Tabor Mountain (maps will be available)  
√ Or sign up for the guided rides on site
- External ride to \_\_\_\_\_ (trailing could be required - more details to come)
- Group campfire and socializing in the evening

### Wednesday, August 17, 2011

- Self-guided trail rides on Tabor Mountain (maps will be available)  
√ Or sign up for the guided rides on site
- External ride to \_\_\_\_\_ (trailing could be required - more details to come)
- Group campfire and socializing in the evening

### Thursday, August 18, 2011

- Self-guided trail rides on Tabor Mountain (maps will be available)  
√ Or sign up for the guided rides on site
- External ride to \_\_\_\_\_ (trailing could be required - more details to come)
- Group campfire and socializing in the evening

### Friday, August 19, 2011

- Self-guided trail rides on Tabor Mountain (maps will be available)
- 7:00 pm wine & cheese social

### Saturday, August 20, 2011

- 10:00 am VIP ride
- Self-guided trail rides on Tabor Mountain (maps will be available)
- 1:30 pm AGM opens for presentations, discussions & elections
- 6:30 pm banquet & social

### Sunday, August 21, 2011

- 9:00 am poker ride

## ATV/BC HISTORY

### Membership growth:

- 2000: 229 members
- 2001: 800 members
- 2002: 1,700 members
- 2003: 1,100 members
- 2004: 1,200 members
- 2005: 1,650 members
- 2006: 2,000 members
- 2007: 2,300 members
- 2008: 2,700 members

### Club presidents:

- 2000-2004: Beverley Felske
- 2004-2006: John Blinston
- 2006-2007: Patrick McHugh
- 2007-2008: Beverley Felske
- 2008-2011: Zan Boyle

### Club numbers:

- 2000: 3 clubs
- 2001: 13 clubs
- 2002: 20 clubs
- 2003: 25 clubs
- 2004: 28 clubs
- 2005: 30 clubs
- 2006: 35 clubs
- 2007: 38 clubs
- 2008: 42 clubs
- 2009: 42 clubs

### Jamborees & AGMs:

- 2000 - Green Lake: host club - Quad Squad South Cariboo (50 attendees)
- 2001 - Revelstoke: host club - Revelstoke (125 attendees)
- 2002 - Kelowna: host club - Kelowna (250 attendees)
- 2003 - Princeton: host Lower Mainland ATV & Princeton clubs (155 attendees)
- 2004 - Elkford: host clubs - Elkford, Creston Valley Quad Squad (164 attendees)
- 2005 - Pouce Coupe: host club - Pouce Coupe (125 attendees)
- 2006 - Mount Washington, Vancouver Island: host club - Campbell River (186 attendees)
- 2007 - Summerland (114 attendees)
- 2008 - Revelstoke: no jamboree (64 attendees)
- 2009 - Elkford: 118 registrants from 22 clubs
- 2010 - Vernon: 116 participants
- 2011 - to be in Prince George

## Spring meeting in Nanaimo

*Come visit the Vancouver Island Conference Centre for a day of workshops*

ATV/BC would like to invite you to our Spring Meeting this year in beautiful Nanaimo, B.C., April 30th, 2011.

Held in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre (VICC), this meeting will address several key issues affecting many outdoor motorized sports, from registering trails and licensing and registration to funding sources.

Come spend the day with us and learn what is happening in B.C. Spend time with like-minded people and help guide where ATV/BC needs to go in the future.

Topics this year include (but are not limited to):

- A speaker from COHV (Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Dis-

tributors Council)

- A speaker who helped put together licensing and registration for ATVs

- A speaker from the senior staff of the Department of Natural Resources

- Insurance needs Q & A from Oasis Insurance

- Lunch (supplied by Oasis)

- ATV/BC topics

- Q & A regarding ATV/BC and its direction

- 2011 ATV/BC Poker Ride

- South Western All Terrain Trails projects and poker run

- ATV/BC club presidents meeting (to be held in closed session after the workshop)

- Seating for this conference is limited, and guests must pre-

register. Please visit <http://atvbc.wufoo.com/forms/z7x4a3/>; a registration form is available online. Once filled out and submitted, a confirmation email will be sent to you for your records. We look forward to having you there, and if you can, please make the time to visit our trade show, also held at the VICC, starting April 29th at 6 p.m.

Rooms for this event may be booked by calling the Coast Bastion Nanaimo at (250) 753-6601. Please mention ATV/BC Spring Meeting when booking to get your discount. Attendees of the conference must supply their own rooms.

Registration for this event closes April 25th, 2011.



## ATV/BC mission statement

*Ride on managed or designated trails and roads*

**Our Mission:** As the provincial body for ATV/UTV riding, our mission is to grow participation in the sport while upholding the best standards of safety and environmental responsibility through innovation, interaction and education, thus providing a positive future for responsible ATV/UTV recreation.

**Our Vision:** As the recognized leader of ATV/UTV riding in B.C. through the establishment of high standards of safety and environmentally responsible riding practices and working with government and other stakeholders to develop and maintain province-wide trail access for all.

We intend to achieve this through:

- Universal environmentally responsible ATV practice;

- A highly effective and responsive environmental stewardship program;

- An effective and universally practised rider safety program;

- Continuing public awareness and support of the sport;

- Education of our members and the public with informative brochures, posters and reading material;

- Proactive support for member clubs with association events as well as rider, safety, environmental and youth programs;

- Working together with government and other recreationists or user groups to protect our land base for the benefit of all

trail users;

- Promotion of family-oriented and individual motorized recreation opportunities in a responsible manner;

- Access of ATVs to public lands in British Columbia that maintain or enhance diverse recreational experiences;

- The cleanup, maintenance and development of old and new riding areas and trails that provide a diversity of recreational experiences;

- A responsive organization that meets the changing needs of our members, the sport and the general public;

- A strong voice in support of an environmentally aware and safety-conscious sport.

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GORDON GALLOWAY PHOTOS

**BRIDGING THE GAP:** The Elkford ATV Club spearheaded the building of this bridge across the Elk River north of Elkford. Many people helped out, including members of the local snowmobile club.

ELKFORD, B. C.

## A brand new bridge

*Many hands help build a new crossing over the Elk River*

by GORDON GALLOWAY  
The Elkford ATV Club recently took on a large project—building a bridge crossing over the Elk River five kilometres north of Elkford.

This bridge is used by everyone including tourists, hunters, fishermen, walkers, hikers, bicycle riders, snowmobilers, people walking their dogs and ATV riders.

### Abundant support

The Elkford ATV Club spearheaded this ambitious project, and appreciated the help of many interested persons includ-

ing members of the local snowmobile club.

There were many donations of food and materials—maybe too many to mention.

Special mention should go to the Columbia Basin Trust, which grants funds for community projects.

The District of Elkford was granted approximately \$6,500 and the club paid the shortfall of about \$2,500.

The painting was done by SMS Equipment in a nice yellow colour, to go with the colours of the fall leaves.

Lumber was supplied by MacDonald Ranch and Lumber at reduced rates, plus hauling to Elkford.

We wish to thank all the supporters; now we need to come up with some fundraising events to earn some of our costs back.

### Special thanks

Special thanks to Denise Bertrand who pitched in and helped make this project work.

Some of our members camped there for a week during the project, and on a couple of days we had as many as 50 persons helping out.

## CLUB NEWS

### Right Nuts ATV Club is a new addition

The idea to form a new ATV club on the Lower Mainland all began with a bunch of us sitting around at a barbecue in May 2010.

By June 25th of that same year, we had enough folks together to hold our first (formation) meeting and thus Right Nuts began.

Our club was formed out of necessity—the necessity to keep riding areas open in and around the Lower Mainland where we all live and ride. We are wholly committed to this endeavour.

In our first few months of operation we joined South Western All Terrain Trails (S.W.A.T.T.), an organization committed to the enhancement of trail riding opportunities in our area, and we collaborated with the Dual Sport BC Riders to upgrade and maintain trails in the Church Mountain area.

All of our executive and many of our members are certified in ATV safety (CSC).

We are a busy group. You can see what we are up to by checking out our online calendar at <http://rightnutsatv.ca>.

There is usually at least one of us riding every weekend. We ride mostly technical, steep, off-camber trails and these are the trails we are committed to restoring and maintaining. But we do have some members who prefer less technical trails as well.

For more information on how to join, please call Bruce Granger at (604) 824-9169 or email [bruce@rightnutsatv.ca](mailto:bruce@rightnutsatv.ca).



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Quad Riders Association of British Columbia



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S.W.A.T.T. is working hard to improve riding areas in B.C.—support their cause this July.

## Show your support for S.W.A.T.T.

*South Western All Terrain Trails is holding its first poker rally in July*

by GLYNIS FEDIUK

ATV/BC members may already be familiar with South Western All Terrain Trails (S.W.A.T.T.), a unified voice between ATV/BC, several Lower Mainland-based ATV clubs and the provincial government. S.W.A.T.T. is promoting riding in the Lower Mainland and has already achieved much since its inception; the organization has opened up staging areas in the Grace Lake and West Harrison areas, and is also establishing new trails, information kiosks, maps and shelters. In short, this is a group that's well worth supporting—and a fantastic way to do this is to attend S.W.A.T.T.'s 1st annual ATV Poker Rally.

### Mark your calendar

"We'll have events over three days and then we have camping, so if someone wants to ride there a few days early or stay a few days later that's fine too," said Bruce Ledingham, a director with S.W.A.T.T. "In years to

come our plan is to do a week-long event that will incorporate a ride up to the Wilderness Hot Springs and that'll include a dip in the hot springs . . . but this year it's our first annual and we want to make sure we do a really good job with what we have. We'll limit it to three days and somewhere between 750 and 1,000 riders."

### Finding the perfect place

Of course, planning such a large rally—Ledingham said that it will be one of the largest ever on the West Coast—is not without its challenges.

"It's difficult to find a place that is a suitable venue for about 1,000 people," said Ledingham. "Most staging areas just aren't large enough. They might be great for 10 or 20 rigs, but not 200."

A place that was deemed large enough for such a rally was Hemlock Resort, located approximately two hours from Vancouver. Ledingham said that the resort's management was very

accommodating and has allowed S.W.A.T.T. the use of its lodge, parking lots, restaurants and land.

### Everyone is welcome

S.W.A.T.T. has worked hard to plan an event that will have riders returning year after year. Each of the three days has a full schedule starting with fun ATV rides on Friday, July 1st. The main poker ride will happen on Saturday, July 2nd, with other fun happenings on July 3rd.

Some of the other things happening include live music, information and retailer booths, ATV demonstrations, a pig roast and turkey dinner and a 50/50 draw. A list of the poker rally prizes is available online.

There is camping on site but space is limited; chalet rentals are also available. Registration is available through S.W.A.T.T.'s website.

Don't miss the inaugural year for what will become a must-attend event in years to come.

## CLUB NEWS

### West Harrison riding area

S.W.A.T.T. has spent the last couple of years riding, mapping and designing a comprehensive plan for the west side of Harrison Lake and currently has approval to open up more than 400 kilometres of old road beds.

These trails will have kiosks installed at each trailhead, complete with maps.

Developed trails will have new signage installed, providing trail rating and GPS locations, among other things.

The short-term vision is to provide these new trails with rest areas, shelters, cellular service locations and outhouses.

The long-term plan is to have these trails constructed to the north end of Harrison Lake and then develop/connect the trails along the east side of Harrison Lake.

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**INSIDE AND OUT:** Spring Fling, an annual event organized by ATV/BC, includes both indoor and outdoor events, such as informative workshops, family-oriented rides and a trade show.

## The Spring Fling is king

*Join ATV/BC on Vancouver Island for the Spring Fling*

by GLYNIS FEDIUK

Fire up your ATVs and put on your thinking caps—it's once again time for ATV/BC's annual Spring Fling. Taking place from April 29th to May 1st, this weekend is a fantastic and valuable opportunity for outdoor recreation enthusiasts to play a little and learn a lot.

### Start the season off right

"The Spring Fling is the term we use to incorporate both the workshops and the trade show," said Robert Hergott, the president of the Moose ATV Club in Fort St. John. "The whole weekend is the Spring Fling. It starts with a trade show being set up on Friday and going from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m., and then from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Registration for the workshops starts at 8 a.m. and introductions at 8:30 a.m. The first speaking should start around 9 a.m."

The trade show will bring in a number of dealers, with the possibility of boats, trailers and other outdoor paraphernalia. Entrance is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. The workshops are free and include a lunch, cour-

tesy of Oasis Insurance. Registration for the workshops is capped at 200.

Hergott stated that all outdoorsmen, whether they are members of ATV clubs or not, are encouraged to attend the Spring Fling.

"Whether you belong to a club or not, or something like the B.C. Wildlife Federation, the B.C. Off-Road Motorcycle Association or any other outdoor activity-style clubs—you're welcome to participate," he said.

### Education opportunity

Topics of the workshops include land use issues, insurance and licensing, public image and vehicle registration. Representatives from the Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council will be there to explain funding and organization of quadding associations. Members of ATV/BC will talk about upcoming events like the Jamboree, while representatives of South Western All-Terrain Trails will discuss their upcoming events. Hergott said that much of the weekend will be geared towards families and generally

having a fun time.

The Mid-Island ATV Club will be hosting a ride on Sunday, and there will also be a GPS course available. The ATV/BC directors meeting also takes place on Sunday.

The year 2011 marks the first time that the Spring Fling is being held on Vancouver Island, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever. Hergott said that for many years, the Spring Fling was held in Kamloops and drew roughly 20 people, many of them ATV/BC directors. In 2010, it was held in Chilliwack and proved a rousing success, attracting close to 100 people. Using what they learned from previous years, ATV/BC is hoping to draw around 200 people to Nanaimo this year. The organization is making use of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

"Vancouver Island has five clubs and has been supporting ATV/BC for a long time," said Hergott. "It was about time we got over there so that they don't have to come over to the mainland."

## CLUB NEWS

### 4th annual Vernon ATV Poker Ride

Come to Vernon for a weekend full of fun, food and great prizes.

Saturday, October 1st, 2011, has been set aside for our Family Day Ride where we take you on a guided ride of the Noble Canyon trails and stop for lunch at one of the best views in the Okanagan Valley.

On Sunday, October 2nd the 4th annual Poker Ride will take place, with lots of great prizes and new trails to keep the whole family happy.

Visit our website at [www.vernonatvclub.ca](http://www.vernonatvclub.ca) for more information.

Registration will be available online closer to the date of the poker ride.

To receive email updates leading up to the event, email [pokerride@vernonatvclub.ca](mailto:pokerride@vernonatvclub.ca).

## CLUB NEWS



### ATV/BC raffle

ATV/BC will be holding a raffle for a 2011 550 XP Polaris quad with winch. Tickets are \$10 and will be available from ATV/BC directors or the ATV/BC office.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the ATV/BC poker ride in Merritt, B.C., on June 25th, 2011.

As with the poker ride funds, raffle funds go towards securing areas for all to ride.

Please contact the ATV/BC office at (250) 554-7823 or email [atvbc@telus.net](mailto:atvbc@telus.net) if you or your club would like to help out by selling tickets.

## ATV/BC recognized for hard work

*Provincial government praises quad riders association*

*The following letter was sent to ATV/BC by former minister of tourism, culture and the arts Kevin Krueger. He is currently MLA for Kamloops-South Thompson, while tourism and culture are now part of other ministries.*

Thank you for your insights, hard work and support to help improve off-road vehicle (ORV) management in British Columbia.

A solution has been a long time in the making, and has involved discussions with many people and organizations to identify shared interests and workable approaches for moving forward.

I am pleased to inform you of (the provincial) government's decision on an improved ORV management framework which addresses rider safety, environmental protection, vehicle registration with better identification, and the ability to cross public roads in a more convenient manner. Federal and private lands are excluded. Key improvements to the ORV management framework include:

### Registration and licensing:

- Mandatory vehicle registration of all ORVs at sale and resale.

- A more visible licence plate or decal which will assist compliance and enforcement efforts in identifying irresponsible ORV riders and help track stolen ORVs.

- An expanded definition of ORVs will include all-terrain vehicles and dirt bikes; this will allow local government to enact bylaws for all ORVs.

### Public road crossings:

- All ORV riders will be able to legally cross public roads and highways or portions of the right-of-way at designated locations with an optional annual vehicle licence and basic

insurance. These crossings will connect our rural communities and support a world-class trail network.

### Safety:

- All ORV riders will be required to wear a helmet and use lights for low-visibility conditions. Seatbelts will be required to be worn, where installed by the manufacturer.

- Additional measures to better protect youth under 16 years of age will include adult supervision, appropriately-sized machines for age and weight of drivers, and reduced speed limits.

### Environment:

- Improved muffler standards for ORVs will reduce noise disturbance to wildlife and recreationists; spark arrestors will reduce the risk of forest fires. British Columbia supports the federal government's proposed emission standards for ORVs under the Marine Spark-Ignition Engine and Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Emission Regulations; once approved, these standards will apply in British Columbia.

### Compliance & enforcement:

- A provincial ORV compliance and enforcement strategy will be developed and will include an education component to help achieve voluntary compliance.

Registration and licensing costs will be based on a user-pay approach, comparable to other small vehicles. The Province will work closely with the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) to implement service delivery within two years. This time frame is needed to address matters such as ICBC's system upgrades and allow for a smooth business transition for front-line brokers.

- In 2005, the ORV Coalition, comprised of 10 key stakeholder

associations, produced a report with 47 recommendations to address longstanding ORV management issues.

- In 2006, the Coroners Service of British Columbia, Child Death Review Unit, recommended an improved ORV regulatory framework to help address ORV accidents resulting in injuries to youths and deaths.

- In early 2009, during the review of the proposed Provincial Trails Strategy, there was strong overall public support for a strategy improving ORV management.

I would like to highlight that this strategy is an essential component of the ORV management framework. For more information, please refer to our website at: [www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/about/provincial-trail-strategy.aspx](http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/about/provincial-trail-strategy.aspx).

- Over the years, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities has passed nine resolutions requesting an improved ORV management regime.

- In September 2009, the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce recommended that government immediately institute the registration of ORVs and explore options to implement the remainder of the ORV Coalition's recommendations.

Through extensive dialogue over the years, we have learned that ORV issues are complex and achieving consensus among the range of parties is challenging. We also found that there were many aspects of shared interest and a spirit of compromise in order to make progress.

We will continue to work with our key stakeholder associations, agencies and resource ministries as we develop ORV regulations and policy.

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GKAA PHOTOS

**HAVE QUAD, WILL TRAVEL:** The Greater Kamloops ATV Association is holding a fundraising ride on May 15th. Proceeds will be shared by the food bank and Barnhartvale Community Hall.

## Ride for a good cause

*Check out the Greater Kamloops ATV Association's annual ride in May*

by GLYNIS FEDIUK

Kamloops is surrounded by fantastic riding terrain. ATVing in places like the Scuitto Lake Flats will take a rider through forests and over hills—and there's always a chance of getting muddy. With this in mind, it's no surprise that the annual Greater Kamloops ATV Association (GKAA) Barnhartvale Club Ride has been growing in popularity since it was adopted as a GKAA fundraising ride. But it wasn't always this way.

"It's been going on as a club ride for three years," said Rick Vowles, the GKAA president. "When the ride was first started almost 10 years ago, it was by two individuals who used to go up there and ride with friends and have a barbecue afterwards. It grew to about 30 or 40 riders and became too much for the individuals. So they approached us and we took it on as our club ride. We went through some major changes in our club and

were looking for a club ride, and it fit in. The club had some great guys that knew what to do and how to get it going."

### Come one, come all

Last year, the ride attracted about 75 ATVers—most were from Kamloops, and others from Vernon or Salmon Arm. Vowles said he hopes to draw quadders from farther away this year—and those who make the trip won't be disappointed. The ride is shaping up to be a great success.

Taking place on May 15th, the ride starts with snacks and coffee in the morning, after which the riders head out on the 70-kilometre trek. The route follows well-defined trails in the Scuitto Lake Flats area; after the ride there will be a barbecue and prizes. Vowles said that much organization goes into making sure the ride is safe for all; for example, there will be a helicopter landing area in case of accidents.

The number of participants for this year's ride has been capped

at 125. Tickets are available through the GKAA and through dealers in the Kamloops area. Visitors can camp at several locations in the area, including Scuitto Lake and Campbell Lake.

### Caring for the community

The GKAA has supported community services such as the local food bank in the past, and this ride is no different. Proceeds from the ride will be given to both the food bank and Barnhartvale Hall, a community hall located in southeast Kamloops.

"We're doing a fundraiser for the community hall, which is very close to where we ride," said Vowles. "The people involved in the hall also give us permission to cross their properties, so in turn we're giving back to the community."

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## CLUB NEWS

### Ladies Day Breast Cancer Fundraiser

The Vernon ATV Club is hosting the 2nd annual Ladies Day Breast Cancer Fundraiser on Saturday, May 28th, 2011.

This fun, no-stress event is aimed at women of all ages, and offers a safe, relaxing environment where the ladies can learn how to drive an ATV for the first time, hone their ATV skills, or simply enjoy a day on the trails without the boys.

The Ladies Day Ride will depart from the base of Noble Canyon Road in Coldstream at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 28th.

The ride is approximately two to three hours in duration and features spectacular scenic views of the Coldstream Valley.

The ladies will enjoy lunch on the trail, prepared by members of the Vernon ATV Club.

Special dietary needs can be accommodated with advance notice.

Guys are invited to participate as there will be a separate ride for them after the ladies head out, no registration required. There will be a lunch campfire but the guys are required to bring their own lunch.

If you wish to receive further information, or if you have any questions about our 2011 Ladies Day Breast Cancer Fundraiser, or the Vernon ATV Club, please contact Val Redquest by phone at (250) 545-7778 or email [val.redquest@vernonatvclub.ca](mailto:val.redquest@vernonatvclub.ca) or visit [www.vernonatvclub.ca](http://www.vernonatvclub.ca).

