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## UTAH ATV NEWSLETTER



### Utah ATV Association

#### Upcoming Events

April's club ride will be at the Sand Hollow. Come join us April 14th and 15th. Just remember to sign up at [utahatv.com](http://utahatv.com). As always, we will have a club Barbeque after the ride. Bring your favorite prepared dish to share, please.

April's club meeting will be at Edge Powersports in Draper at 14301 S. Minuteman Drive. April 3rd @ 7pm. Please come join us!

### THE RIDE TO NOWHERE

Everyday when we look out our windows, we always become the weather man. "Looks like it's going to be sunny and warm". Or in our case lately, "Looks like more snow". It certainly has been frustrating for us all when we really want some warm weather to ride in. We could go out and ride on the snow, but it can be cold, really cold. We could go a little further south and ride, but mud isn't the best to ride in either when it's cold. Mud can be fun when it's warmer ( but a nightmare to clean off our machines). So when can we ride or when do we ride. It really depends on where you'd like to ride. How willing your are to make certain sacrifices when you chose a day and place. So why does the club keep cancelling the rides?

The club has to take many things into consideration when it comes to where and when we can ride and who is on the rides. The first is where? We try to accommodate everyone by making the rides close to home and away for two day rides. This

makes it enjoyable for everyone. Second, when to ride? Every month comes with its challenges. Cold, warm or hot. The comes rain and snow. Third is, who is riding? Not everyone has the experience to ride in extreme conditions and even the most experienced riders can run into trouble as well. So you can see why we as a club take our rides seriously. We want to have a safe ride. Fun ride. While following Thread Lightly principals as well.

Imagine we plan a ride, we all show up with our machines ready to ride and have fun.

We start out on the trail when all of a sudden we come up to a huge water puddle. We can't go around because that widens the trail, which we don't want to do. So there's only one way. No one knows how deep the puddle is, so our lead heads into the puddle. He makes it through as well as the second and third rider do. But when the fourth rider approaches the puddle they wonder too, "Can I make it through"? Nope, they get stuck and need to be winched out. So do several other riders. An hour later we've gone less than a mile. Now back on the trail we go and another obstacle. Again, several riders need assistance which the club board members assist with. Three hours into the ride and four miles later, yet another problem.

We as a club have failed. We should have made other plans. This scenario is not one we would like to encounter but it does happen. This is why we consider all our rides. Safety is our priority. Come ride with us is our motto. Thread Lightly is our promise, and help maintain our trails, with our members in mind is our mission. Every decision we make, impacts all of us.

We do our best to scout the trails ahead of time. Find a place to safely meet together where we all can fit. Assign a safety crew, Trail boss, Tail gunner's and equipment so we all can have an unforgettable time together.

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## WHY COME TO THE MEETING

Every month the club members have the opportunity to meet. These meetings are held for, you our members. You get the opportunity to meet the Board Members as well as other members and non-members. We get to mingle and share experiences, discuss past and coming rides, meet new friends, win prizes, just to name a few of the fun things we do each month.

We have guest speakers who come and share their knowledge with everyone. We learn new ways of doing things, get great ideas and be able to discuss questions and so much more.

Meeting last about an hour each month. You'll learn about the upcoming month's ride. Where we'll meet, what to expect, hotel deals, where some plan to camp and more.

You'll have the opportunity to ask your questions, and get answers to them as well. There's never a dumb question. We have experts, and novices a like. You'll find the meetings are more like a large group of friends and family discussing a range of topics.

If you ever have a question, please reach out to the club and maybe we'll have a guest speaker take on your question. If not, bring your question with you to our meeting. If we don't know the answer we'll find someone who does. We have questions too and the club is one of the best ways to get answers and ideas from so many. You may even be able to help someone who has a question that you have an answer to as well.

We hope you'll join us for an awesome monthly meeting. Bring your friends and neighbors with you and have a great time with us.

We hope to see you there!

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Welcome to the Presidents corner. We apologize for the cancellation of the March ride. But due to the

weather we felt it was the right decision. We did not want to risk injury or machines being damaged.

Due to on going weather we have made some adjustments to the ride calendar. Please look to the

events tab on the website for additional information.

Our booth at the 2023 Off-Road Expo in Sandy UT was very successful. We obtained several

commitments for the ride for life. And several donations of merchandise for this year's machine.

So far we have had two nominations for someone to be a "Grand Marshal". We will be excepting

nominations from you, until April 1 st . It has been decided that we need to give the honored person as

much notice as possible. If there is a person that you believe deserves this honor, please contact a

member of the Board. The nominations will be discussed and voted on at the April Board meeting. If

you have a question or require any clarification, please contact any member of the board.

We look forward to seeing everyone at either a meeting or on the trail.

Thank you

Bill Bagshaw

President

Utah ATV Association

## MEMBERSHIP/ DONATIONS



Come join our club! We have monthly meetings where you can learn more about your SXS, ATV and more. Learn about how and where to ride safely. Meet others just like yourself who want to learn and be a part of an awesome club. With an Ambassador membership join us each month for our club rides and barbeque. Find custom apparel from our club store, and with your Ambassador membership you'll receive 10% off.

Your generous donation helps us to operate our non profit Utah ATV Association club that was founded in 1983. The purpose of the Association is to preserve the trail rider's access to National Forest, State Parks, and BLM Lands, and to protect the resources of these lands. Membership support and participation are essential to the success of our organization and our goals. The Association is a charter member of the Blue Ribbon Coalition. We also support Tread Lightly.

