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UTAH ATV NEWSLETTER



Utah ATV Association

Upcoming Events

May's club ride will be at Topaz Mountain. Come join us May 20th. Just remember to sign up at utahatv.com. As always, we will have a club Barbeque after the ride. Bring your favorite prepared dish to share, please.

May's club meeting will be at Edge Powersports in Draper at 14301 S. Minuteman Drive. May 8th @ 7pm. Please come join us!

TOPAZ MOUNTAIN

According to Bureau of Land Management, Topaz, Utah's state gem, is a semi-precious gemstone that occurs as very hard, transparent crystals in a variety of colors. The topaz crystals at Topaz Mountain are naturally amber colored but become colorless after extensive exposure to sunlight. The crystals formed within cavities of the Topaz Mountain rhyolite, a volcanic rock which erupted approximately six to seven million years ago from volcanic vents along faults in the area. Topaz Mountain is one of the world's great places to find topaz. If you search the washes and slopes on the south side of the mountain you will find small topaz crystals glimmering in the sunlight. If you search seams in the rhyolite, you may find gem-quality crystals. Topaz Mountain is located in a remote area where there is no water and no services provided. You should always carry food, plenty of water, tools and emergency equipment. To dig the topaz, helpful tools include a rock hammer or regular hammer, screw driver, bags for your gems, hiking boots, hat, sunscreen, bug repellent and

once again don't forget the water! Jeans are a wise choice since while your digging you are often on your knees on the rough and jagged rocks. Most importantly, while digging and searching for this gem, have fun. Most everyone who searches and digs for this gem will find some, with patients and a lot of hammering and prying.

OUR SPONSORS

Sponsors play a vital role in our club. Without them so many of our events and prizes would be impossible. We as a club are so thankful to them and their generosity. They help us in so many other ways as well. Edge Powersports has allowed our club to meet in their facility to hold all our club meetings. Big Pine Sports has helped us to obtain our annual give-a-way of this years prize, a CanAm 4 seater side by side. That's just to name a couple of the dozens of sponsors. Without them there would be no Ride For Life campaign, with tons of prizes that everyone can win with simple donations. We have, as a club, been so thankful to them.

Look at our sponsors and shop with them and let them know you're there because of the club sponsorship they give to Utah ATV Association. You can find a full list of our sponsors on our web page and look for them on our Facebook page as well. Even our YouTube page can help you find our sponsors and see upcoming videos of some of our sponsors. So the next time out shopping consider visiting our sponsors and support them as they support us in making this club, Utah ATV Association, such a success!

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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. As spring finally approaches, we are excited that our riding season is about to begin. If you haven't, please RSVP for the April ride in Sand Hollow. This should be an extremely good time. Our trail riding crew has spent a great deal of time laying tracks in the area.

This year there are some changes that we need to make sure everyone understands. As a board we have decided that we are going to align our election terms with our budget year and RFL Donation. What that means is our budget is set to run from October 1st through September 31st . To ensure that any newly elected Board/Officers are involved in that budgetary process, our terms of office will be changed from January 1st to October 1st . The elected term will then run from October 1st (of the elected year) to September 31st two years after.

With that explained this is an election year. We will take nominations beginning May 1 st . We will need to nominate and vote on 11 Board members. The election will take place during the first week of June. To comply with the rules related to our status as a corporation, the elected Board will then nominate and vote on the 4 Officer positions. The newly elected Board and Officers will then be invited to participate in the budgetary process in September 2023.

If you have considered a position on the Board, please feel free to contact any current Board member to enquire about the responsibilities. Over the last several years our Club has grown, and we are at an exciting juncture embracing the future while honor our past. We welcome any suggestions that any of our members may have.

For this year's ride for life event, the board has reviewed the nominations for a "Grand Marshal". A selection has been made and that person has been contacted. Once a commitment has been confirmed the official announcement will be made. As always If you have a question or require any clarification on any topic mentioned, 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 of 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.

