



Similkameen Valley Riders ATV Club Newsletter

Spring, March, 2024

Hello Club Members and guests,

As the snow is melting after a mild winter here in the Similkameen valley we are looking forward to some ATV riding this Spring and Summer. This newsletter is an update of any events that happened over the winter as well as some planning for activities for this season.

Trout Creek Ranch Shared Use Campsite

In December 2023 our club was approached by the owner of Trout Creek Ranch. Five years ago our club along with four other groups signed a lease to use some private land to build an ATV and shared use campsite. ATVBC was involved with some grant money and many volunteers built a three sided structure, level tent pads, installed an outhouse and erected signage near the Kettle Valley Rail trail access. None of the other four groups/clubs could be reached or were interested so our SVR ATV club has solely renewed this same lease for the next five years. It was either that or have to remove all the improvements which would have been such a waste. Cost was \$1 per year and ATVBC has covered the liability insurance needed.



Going forward our club will have a work party day at the site as well as occasional visits for any maintenance required. After a recent winter visit it appears some weeding, brushing, painting, fence repair, FireSmarting, rut filling and raking are needed. Doesn't that sound like everyone's Spring Cleanup list for around your own yard? We need to amend the two info signs as we are the sole club contact now.

We are applying for a Trail Development and Maintenance grant from ATVBC to help with costs and should hear by April 30 if we are successful. Once the snow melts and the mud firms up we will set a date. Let us know if you are able/willing to join us for the day. We can ride out or drive there with our hand tools and supplies. Add a bbq lunch and it should be a productive day! Probably mid May or early June.

Martins Lake Campfire Outing with Princeton ATV Club, April TBC

Recently the Princeton ATV Club held a meeting and AGM in town. They are trying to drum up volunteer members to set up rides and events. They will be hosting an outdoor campfire afternoon at Martins Lake in April and have invited our club to come out. Stay tuned for the date for this.



SVR Annual General Meeting. April 13, 2024 11:30am

We are required to hold and take minutes for an annual meeting as per the Societies Act. This is a informal gathering of members and your opportunity to speak up about how to run the club and volunteer to take on a portion of helping our club grow and improve. Could you teach everyone a skill, lead a ride or two, help our club be represented at community events or help plan a social evening or trail clean up? Some members know the trails around here better than others - let's plan a group ride and share the fun in our riding area. Consider becoming a director, membership contact, safety person, or even President as the current executive are all directors. We could go out for lunch after the meeting.

The AGM meeting will be at 11:30pm on April 13, 2024 at Princeton Library, 107 Vermillion Ave. RSVP so we know you are coming. svratvclub@gmail.com or 250-295-1830 Christine



BC Trails Day, Saturday, June 1, 2024

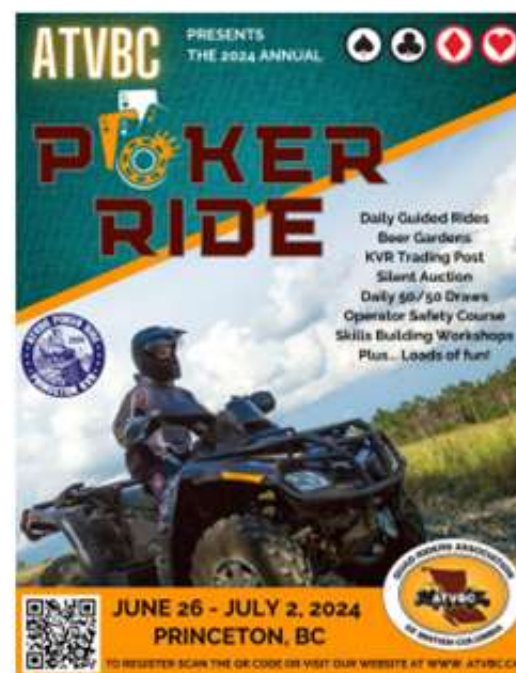
The fourth annual BC Trails day is coming up. The Outdoor Recreation Council of BC coordinates and promotes BC Trails Day. Outdoor groups are encouraged to host local events, ranging from recreational opportunities, trail stewardship projects or virtual events. You plan it, and the ORCBC will help you promote it! In 2022 our club did a trail clean up ride followed by dinner. If any member is willing to put a ride together and wants to host a meal after let the executive know. We can take a few photos and submit to the ORC events page.

ATVBC Poker Ride Event June 26 to July 2, 2024

Last year the SVR ATV club led and hosted three day rides for the ATVBC event held at the rodeo grounds in Princeton. All rides left from the fairgrounds on the KVR and up our PS Road valley. Many of the participants were in side by sides and all safely enjoyed the scenic rides. One of the rides took the group to the Erris Vol Fire hall for a bbq burger lunch stop. We are hosting this ride again this year. Darcy will need some riders to help out on the trail and Christine will need a few prep and cook chefs at the Erris Fire hall.

Would anyone be interested in assisting to come up with a trail route for the Saturday June 29 poker ride that could run up our valley? Last year they crossed the 5A and went out around Pike Mountain. We have been asked to look into a new route. Talk to Darcy Nichols.

Registration is now open for the ATVBC poker ride and you can sign up for \$5 and then add on if you want to attend the Saturday night roast beef dinner or get a t-shirt. All rides leave from the fairgrounds and there is trailer parking. We met so many interesting people from all around the province.



Messages from the SVR ATV Club Directors:

Edna Blomme, Director/Membership/Treasurer

I would like to thank all of our members for their support by joining or renewing their membership to the Similkameen Valley Riders ATV Club. Your support will also help ATVBC to be able to maintain the use of the trails in BC. Our goals this year are to offer riding in an assortment of areas. With your suggestions and participation I'm sure we can accomplish this goal. I would like to thank Director Christine for being the clubs 'go to' person this past year. She has been a tremendous help to me. I look forward to meeting you at our AGM in April. Regards, Edna



Christine Nichols, Director / Newsletter

While we are small in numbers most of the club has lots of opportunity to go out our back door riding. Local clubs are the heart and soul of ATVer in British Columbia. It's at the club level where you'll find like-minded people who enjoy riding the trails and back roads in our area, contribute in our community and work to keep trails open, safe and environmentally sustainable. Club members educate others in trail etiquette and courtesy. Encourage your guests and neighbours to join and get on board to help protect our right to ride. Come out to the AGM and voice your ideas and suggestions to make ours a successful and exciting club. There will be cookies... Cheers, Christine

Vic Bartel, Director / Past President

Membership in a club such as ours is much more than just having an occasional quad ride. Trail maintenance, trail projects, community involvement, meetings, activities with other clubs and ATVBC events, all contribute to a successful club. Our Barbecues and socials provide members a time to relax and share ideas. This does not mean that you have to get involved in all these activities but they require your active support. Our executive and trail leaders work hard to keep our club active and involved. Thank you for your active participation, Vic

Darcy Nichols, Director

Where shall we ride this season? Who wants to go and when? We could do a hotdog, fishing or loonie ride. We need helpers for the ATVBC poker ride. We want to hear from our members about your favourite ride routes and then become a leader. If you lead a ride you do not have to ride in the dust at the back of the pack....step up! Keep the rubber side down, Darcy

Merv Eldred, Director

Let's make Similkameen Valley Riders Club great again. Covid, wildfires and floods are now behind us so let's put the SVR club back on the trail with rides and get together. Help the club by giving us suggestions about ride locations, socials or what you would like to do or see this season. We would love you to lead a ride or let us know some suggestions of where you would like to go and we'll try to find a leader. All that is needed to be a ride leader is to give a location and be the contact person. Details can be arranged later. Looking forward to a wonderful riding season, Merv

Rob Miller, Director

Let's get out and ride our scenic trails and get together with friends, Life is a gift, Rob

Thank you for your support and watch for your club membership renewal notice from ATVBC. Contact the SVR ATV Club executive at: svratvclub@gmail.com