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The History of the A.T.V.

The all-terrain vehicle (ATV), also known as three and four-wheelers. Was initially developed in Japan as a farm-to-town vehicle in isolated, mountainous areas. During spring thaws and rainy seasons, steep mountainous roads were often impassable with conventional vehicles. The three -wheeled ATV proved to be a much better mode of travel and soon became a recreational vehicle, providing transportation to areas inaccessible by other motorized transport. And it wasn't long before the Japanese manufacturers realized that the ATV could be sold to Americans.

When the ATV first appeared in the United States in the Early 1970's it was named the ATC90. It had seven horsepower with a four-speed gearbox and sold for \$595.

It was promoted and sold as a recreational vehicle designed to provide thrills for the rider. This is still its primary use today. Shortly, sportsmen found that the ATV was a useful machine to move through areas not accessible with pick-up trucks, four-wheel drives, or other motorized vehicles. The ATV became popular as a hunting vehicle and was used to reach remote areas and to transport game.



Honda's research made it clear that the next step in the ATV's evolution would be another wheel. Thus Honda's first four-wheel ATV, the TRX200, debuted in 1984. The market responded almost immediately, making 1984 Honda's biggest sales year for ATV's. The 370,000 units sold in 1984 remain the high water mark for Honda ATV sales. This was also the beginning of the end for the three-wheeler. Four wheelers were considered more versatile and now we have 1000cc four-wheel drive ATV's that will take us almost anywhere we have the will to go.



HONDA TRX 200



While ATV's are considerably safer and less prone to rollovers and flip-over's than their predecessor the three-wheeler they can still be dangerous. They require more interaction than simply steering and throttle/brake inputs like you would normally use in a car. You have to use your body to lean, similar to the way you use your body to turn, stop and start a motorcycle. For that reason the size of the ATV you ride should be completely dependent on your own physical size, age, strength and riding ability. ATV safety equipment is essential to protecting you in a crash. A helmet, gloves and long sleeved pants and shirt are the ATV gear that will take the punishment if you hit the ground. At the absolute, very least, you should wear a helmet. Your head is up pretty high when you're sitting on a quad, and if you flip, fall or otherwise get knocked off your quad you're pretty likely to hit your head. There are many types, styles and colors, so you should be able to find one that's really "you".

There's a time, and a place, for just about everything and an ATV ride is not the time to get buzzed. Yeah, we know ... getting slightly buzzed helps you relax, it helps you flow, makes you more fluid, right? Yeah. But "fluid" and "relaxed" are not what you want to be when you're doing something that could potentially kill you if you're not paying attention. Drugs and alcohol impair your ability to react quickly and in many cases correctly. That can easily cause a crash. That old saying hold my beer and watch this, just pour it on the ground, because he might just end up like this guy.

Wait until after the ride.



DID YOU KNOW

Suzuki made the first four wheel ATV in 1983 called the Quadrunner.

How did WD-40 get its name? WD-40 was developed in 1953 and stands for Water Displacement, 40th attempt. WD-40 was developed for a rocket company as rust, preventive and degreaser.



2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Not as many as we hoped. Many of our members had the flu so get well soon.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



BERT & DENNIS HAD A GOOD TIME.



Good food good times and good friends have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





Tw'as the night before Christmas & out on the ranch the pond was froze over & so was the branch. The snow was piled up belly-deep to a mule. The kids were all home on vacation from school, and happier young folks you never did see just all sprawled around a-watching' TV. Then suddenly, sometime around 8 o'clock there came a surprise that gave them a shock! The power went off, the TV

went dead! When Grandpa came in from out in the shed with an armload of wood, the house was all-dark. "Just what I expected," they heard him remark. "Them power line wires must be down from the snow. Seems sorter like times on the ranch long ago." "I'll hunt up some candles." Said Mom. "With their light, and the fireplace, I reckon well make out all right." The teen-agers all seemed enveloped in gloom. Then Grandpa came back from a trip to his room, Uncased his old fiddle & started to play That old Christmas song about bells on a sleigh. Mom started to sing & 1st thing they knew both pop & the kids were all singing it too. They sang Christmas carols, they sang "Holy Night," Their eyes all a-shine in the ruddy firelight. They played some charades Mom recalled from her youth, And pop read from God's Book of Truth. They stayed up till midnight and would you believe, The youngsters agreed 'twas a fine Christmas Eve. Grandpa rose early, some time before dawn; And when the kids wakened, the power was on. "The power company sure got the line repaired quick," Said Grandpa & no one suspected his trick. Last night, for the sake of some old-fashioned fun, He had pulled the main switch- the old Son-of-a-Gun!

**Merry Christmas
Dan & Karen Hutchins**



Helmets are always a good thing



We need to have more
Radios on our rides.
They don't cost too
Much \$25 for a pair.



CLUB MEMBERS REMEMBER

**THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVE
ANYTHING, YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE
TO THE NEWSLETTER or something to sell?**

**PLEASE CONTACT Dan Hutchins-509-483-
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For sale

1. **Dust Masks:** I have many color and designs available. They are adjustable to fit and work great in the cold, pollen and dust. Machine washable. \$12 each. Call Bert at 208.683.0526
2. We now have flags for sale.—They are \$10.00 ea. Frank will have them at the meetings or call 208-687-1362.
3. Ken Chrisp has flag poles. Call him at 509-473-9032.
4. We now have all the logos in our possession. If you want some Call Frank at 208-687-1362. You can still have them put on at Rathdrum Drug.
5. **For your Information:** Rathdrum Drugs now have in stock various colors of long sleeve T-shirts. They also carry short sleeve T-shirts with a front pocket. If you would like one, ask at the drugstore and she will put a logo on it for you. These shirts are hard to find.
6. **Black and Chrome license plate frames.** \$12.50 ea. See Gordon at 208-712-3068.

SUGGESTED RIDING SKILL LEVEL

- EASY** – Beginning rider skills, mostly flat trails, no side hills, stay on designated trails
- INTERMEDIATE** - Experienced riding skills RECOMMENDED, roads/ trails, possibly some steep slopes, side hills or loose rocks
- COMBINATION** – Combination of difficulties, various terrains. For example intermediate to difficult abilities
- DIFFICULT** – Experienced riding skills REQUIRED, trails requiring 4WD, obstacle navigation, rocky, side hills and slower travel

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