



## Alberta Off Highway Vehicle Association

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*Working to keep you riding*

### Message from the President

This has been a challenging and exciting year in the life of the Alberta Off Highway Vehicle Association. We have continued to keep the interests of the OHV riders at the forefront of our thoughts and activities. There have been a number of new initiatives that we are proud to be participating in and we hope they will have a long term positive impact for the OHV riding community in the Province of Alberta.

The AOHVA continues to grow with two new clubs joining our association, bringing the total clubs to 20. We will be the persistent voice of the Alberta OHV Rider and will ensure that our activities further strengthen and protect your interests.

We would like to thank the Canadian Off Highway Vehicle Distributors Council, for their continuing support amid the current economic challenges. Their funding is based on an import levy and is directly affected by the level of sales. We do appreciate the contributions and the ongoing efforts of the (COHV) staff on our behalf regarding Rider Education Programs, Off Highway Vehicle Safety, Funds for Trail Building, and constant vigilance regarding Regulations and Legislation that may affect the off road riding community.

The AOHVA School ATV Safety Program which was a 45-minute safety presentation was met with the same enthusiasm as previous years from the schools. During the five month season our instructors visited 102 classrooms and spoke to 4736 students. Over and above the school visits there were five school/ community safety days that the Instructors participated in which saw many more individuals benefiting from the program. Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation had provided the funding for this very worthwhile program.

New for 2011 is the **Ride with Respect** program which was developed by the Alberta Government working with the Alberta Off-Highway Vehicle Association, Alberta Snowmobile Association, Alberta TrailNet and the Alberta Injury Control Council. It provides school children with information about operating off-highway vehicles in a safe, respectful, and environmentally-responsible manner.

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**Ride with Respect** is tailored and available in three grade levels:

- Grades 1 – 3
- Grades 4 – 6
- Grades 7 – 12

Each lesson helps to meet the Alberta Education Program of Studies, is provided at no cost, approximately 45 minutes long and is interactive and participative in nature.

We are proud to have contributed to its' creation and to have the opportunity to delivery such a important program. The funding for this program has been generously provided for by Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

The AOHVA is currently working on converting our CSC instructors to the Canadian AQCC Safety Institute (CASI) Program, so that they will be able to deliver the CASI ATV RiderCourse<sup>SM</sup> to Alberta riders. This course is the most current, hands-on ATV safety program available in Canada and is the basis for numerous safety courses throughout the world. During the half-day session, students learn skills and understanding required for safe and responsible ATV operation.

As the Alberta Government continues to discuss the concept of a Delegated Administrative Organization, we want you to know that we are in full support of such a entity and desire to be a participating member, a Delegated Administrative Organization is vital to our continued successes in delivering responsible off highway riding opportunities to our members.

On behalf of the AOHVA I would like to express a great appreciation to all of our clubs, members and volunteers for your hard work, commitments and accomplishments of the past year.

In closing I would like to thank our 2010 Executive Officers and Directors for their efforts and dedication that has kept our Association running smoothly and provided us with the ability to take on the upcoming challenges in 2011.

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