



HAPPY NEW YEAR

All indications are looking towards a great year for the club. We ended 2012 contributing to one of the best Santa Parades downtown has ever had.

The Get Up - Get Out - Join In and Ride Safe project has moved forward during the past year. With funds from New Horizons for Seniors the club was able to start an extensive mapping project. Over 120 trails totaling more than 1300 km have been mapped. The club also held events such as a reverse draw, a seniors play day, many organized rides, and four ATV Safety Courses.

PARTNERING

- We have partnered with GF Trails Society to move forward an agreement to *"have trails for all users but not all trails for all users"*. This may sound difficult but it will hopefully put an end to the many bickering attitudes that have gone on for years and the confusion of where we can ride and where we can help others enjoy the great outdoors in the area.
- We have also partnered with Parks and Recreation to begin establishing a staging area in the North Fork and have signed a contract to maintain six camp sites north of the 28 Mile Bridge. This will help the club by insuring we will be involved with where we can ride and how the area is maintained and developed for years to come.

MEMBERSHIPS

A reminder that your membership renewal may be due. The Grand Forks ATV Club (GFATV) is a branch of the Quad Riders Association of British Columbia (ATV/BC). You can renew your membership with Ryan at B&F Sales & Service located downtown Grand Forks or with Doug Zorn or Pat Blew. Your membership number can be used to receive discounts on ATV insurance. Discounts may vary, so be sure to check with your insurance broker. Visit www.gfatv.ca for more information.

FEATURED PHOTO



Ray Johnson has been a very active member of the club since it began. At 80 he continues to ride, keeping it on all 4's most of the time. He is a great source of knowledge on the areas' history, organizer of work parties and volunteer on several committees. Thanks for all your efforts and your enthusiastic and generous giving of your time.

SAFETY

Safety and responsible use of ATVs has been one of the club's main focus points since it started up in 2008. Last year in 2012 we held four safety courses for riders to learn safe and proper riding skills. Most accidents can be prevented and we will move forward holding more safety courses in 2013. Further areas we would like to concentrate on are: water bars, new riders, young riders, highway crossings and prevention of accidents.

UPCOMING EVENT

Plan to attend a Club Fun Night, February 22 at Clyde's starting at 5:00 p.m., with a no-host dinner around 6ish. It will be lots of fun with guest speakers, GFATV movie and much, much more. If you know someone interested in learning about ATVs, please bring them along. Watch for a notice in the local media.

2013 PROJECTS

- Completion of New Horizon for Seniors project in April
- Reverse Draw in May
- Building of loading/unloading docks in Spring
- Poker Run
- ATV riding schedule
- All projects are dependent on participation from the club members
- so come join in. Let's make 2013 a fun year!