

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL OHRV OWNERS AND OPERATORS

Based on discussions at the August 12, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting, this notice is being sent to all members. This is a reminder and to ensure all members understand and comply with OHRV operations in LAE.

At the 2004 Annual Meeting the Board of Directors were instructed to prepare and implement a motion to govern the operation of OHRVs on LAE's private roads. This June 10, 2005 BOD motion states as follows: **All OHRVs operated on LAE Inc private roads must have a valid State of New Hampshire registration, comply with all State laws and display an annual LAE sticker, which signifies that permission has been granted by the owner (LAE Inc) to operate the OHRV on the Corporation's roads. A valid LAE sticker can be obtained from the Chair of the Security Committee. The owner's permission to use the Corporation roads can be revoked at any time for cause and will be reported to the Washington Police Department. The action to revoke shall be accomplished by the agreement of at least two officers/directors of the Corporation.**

OHRVs include wheeled vehicles, such as, ATVs, Trail bikes, Golf-carts, and any mechanically propelled vehicle used off of a public way for recreational or pleasure purposes and dependent on the ground or other surface for travel. Now quoting from the N.H. Fish and Game Laws Digest: "No registration is required for youth model ATVs and trail bikes or if the operator is less than 12 years of age and the youth is accompanied by a properly licensed adult. To qualify, ATVs and youth 2-wheel trail bikes must be less than 95cc." **The youth operating one of these youth model machines must be accompanied by a properly licensed adult at all times. Additionally, even though these youth model machines do not have to be registered with the State, you must obtain and display an LAE sticker on the vehicle to operate on LAE's private roads.**

NH State Operator Requirements:

Under Age 12:

- Can only operate when accompanied by a licensed adult 19 yrs or older.
- Must wear helmet and eye protection.
- ATV operators cannot carry passengers.

AGES 12 and 13:

- Successfully completed an approved NH safety education course.
- Must wear helmet and eye protection.
- Can only operate when accompanied by a licensed adult 19 yrs or older.
- ATV operators cannot carry passengers.

AGES 14 and 15:

- Successfully completed an approved NH safety education course.
- Must wear helmet and eye protection.
- ATV operators cannot carry passengers.

AGES 16 and 17:

- Successfully completed an approved NH safety course or must possess a Valid motor vehicle driver's license.
- Must wear helmet and eye protection.
- ATV operators cannot carry passengers.

AGES 18 and Older:

- Must possess a valid motor vehicle driver's license or have successfully Completed an approved NH safety education course.

These OHRV laws and rules are enforced by NH Fish and Game and all other law enforcement officers...this includes the Washington Police Department. More information can be found in the NH Fish and Game 2012 OFF HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE LAWS DIGEST pamphlet. You can get one at the Washington Police Dept and one is posted on the LAE Bulletin Board. If you need any clarifications contact the Washington Police Department at 495-3294 or Don Damm, LAE President at 495-3785.