

Trailer Guidelines
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- Trailer to be towed with a minimum of ¾ ton tow vehicle.
- Tow vehicle must have a minimum of a class (4) IV hitch.
- Trailer specifications: Empty trailer weight-4,300lbs. Empty trailer tongue weight-750lbs. The trailers GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) is 14,000lbs. This means empty trailer Wt. + Load=14,000lbs

Class (4) IV

Class IV hitches are very similar to Class III hitches except for the weight ratings. Class IV hitches are weight carrying (WC) and weight distributing (WD) hitches depending on the vehicle and hitch specifications. Not all Class IV hitches are rated to be both. The hitch specifications will alert you to a hitch that is not weight distributing. Class IV hitches used as weight carrying is rated up to 10,000 lbs. Gross trailer weight (GTW) with a maximum trailer tongue weight (TW) of 1000 lbs. Hitches that are used for weight distributing are rated up to 14,000 lbs. Gross trailer weight (GTW) with a maximum trailer tongue weight (TW) of 1400 lbs. This style of hitch typically uses a 2" square receiver opening. The use of a ball mount and hitch ball of the same rating or higher is required for weight carrying. To use the weight distribution side of the hitch a weight distribution system is required. Class IV hitches attach to the vehicle frame only. Always consult your owner's manual for vehicle rating.

- No bumper hitches are permitted
- Tow vehicle must be equipped with a working brake controller.
- Tow vehicle must have matching female trailer plug that matches the clubs trailer, no splicing of wiring harness will be permitted.
- Wavier forms must be completed and signed prior to ATV's being loaded on trailer. (Release form that releases the club and person towing the trailer of any liabilities or theft or any damage to their ATV while being transported).
- Owner of tow vehicle or person(s) driving tow vehicle must be insured, and have a minimum liability coverage of \$300,000 or Recommended coverage of \$500,000.
- Any damage that occurs to the trailer must be put in writing and submitted to the officers, within 7-10 days of completion of ride. Besides normal wear & tear (i.e. rock chips etc)
- Trailer is open to all active club members on a first come first serve basis.

Procedure for obtaining use of the trailer

- Must be a club sponsored ride. (**Definition** of a club sponsored rides)
A club member sponsored ride, is open to all club members, and must cover maintenance fee.
A club sponsored promotional event: is an outing where club member attend using the trailer for the purpose of advertising the club. Example; parade, clean up day etc...
A club sponsored ride is one that earns a return for the club and is sponsored by SEATV.
- Must be brought to membership a minimum of 30 days in advance of event and voted on.

- A fee will be charged for each slot on the trailer. This fee will be set in accordance with mileage of the event. This fee is to help pay maintenance of the trailer (i.e.; tires, wheel bearings any maintenance that may be required for the trailer in the future.)
- The treasurer will track all monies and establish a maintenance account, strictly for the trailer only.
- Usage fee must be paid prior to leaving for the trip.
- Fee for reimbursement of driver's expenses and fuel will be left up to the person(s) putting the event together and the driver.(i.e. lodging, if needed, tolls, etc.)
- Establish an application that should indicate the following that would have to be completely filled out prior to leaving for the trip: Name of driver, make and model of tow vehicle, purpose of use of trailer, number of ATV's being transported, Owners of the ATV, Destination of trip, total mileage of trip. (etc.) Manifest of whose quad & insurance. A copy of all signed waivers & Insurance forms must be kept with the driver during duration of the trip. This will be filed with the Secretary to keep records of all Club sponsored ride forms.

Road trip

- Driver will be paid \$0.75 per mile on long trips of 500 miles or more (one way)
- Day trip to be .03 per mile (not per bike)
- These fees may vary depending on the driver's discretion.
- At the meeting following the club-sponsored trip the committee chair person or delegate will give a report to the membership on the trip. (Log Book)
- Promotional ride, SEATV Riders Association, such as Parade's etc.

Procedure while ATV's are in transport

- All trailer's turn signals; electric brakes and brake lights must be in working order. It is the drivers responsibility to check prior to and during trip.
- All ATV's must be loaded in a safe manner that will prohibit ATV's from moving and bouncing around while under transport. ATV's shall be secured to the trailer in the front and rear of the quad.
- All ATV's must have their parking brake set and or transmission in PARK.
- All items that are secured to the ATV's must be securely tied down so that nothing will blow off during transport.
- All ATV's must be securely tied down.

- Each rider must provide straps for securing their ATV on the trailer. If the driver towing the trailer feels the straps are insufficient due to tears or wearing, then different straps will be required to help insure the quads safety during transport.
- All straps will be the responsibility of the rider of each ATV.
(Min. of two (2) straps per machine. Clearly mark with owner's name. The club is not responsible for straps)
- It is the driver's responsibility to make sure the load is secure.
- ATV key is to be marked with owner's name.