

My background is in Agriculture and Aviation.

I am 76 and no longer work for a living.

However I wish to contribute my thoughts and experiences on this rather conversational topic of roll over bars.

Over many years using all types of tractors planes and so on, I think my experiences are quite relevant.

I first used a 3 wheel ATV (Suzuki) and decided it was very unsafe and should be used with EXTREME care.

I replaced it with a Honda 250cc quad and did numerous tests on steep inclines and other speed related testing.

I needed to determine the limitations and potential hazards especially as my Son was being instructed how to handle this machine safely.

One of the problems that are contributing to injury is youngsters are allowed to ride these quads and some are powerful and capable of dangerous speeds. There appears to be no proper instructional training for new comers and no on going supervision.

I do not think roll over bars are the answer and i do not think safety helmets are of any value (unless when used in racing events) and then we are talking about something completely different than every day usage.

It would be better served if a safety instructional video would be made available and some hands on instruction be given to all users.

One feature that might be possible would be a speed limiter lock especially in top gear also an inclination sensor which would sound an alarm whenever this danger is reached I also think that detailed accident statistics should be compiled and then used in the instructional training.

I have never experienced any accidents or near accident (close shaves) with any of my machines and have worked in various terrain and under different surface conditions.

And any instructional information needs to be concise and practical covering ALL usage of ATV's throughout .

Do not stifle ATV's with more useless regulations, just education and SUPERVISION is the answer.

If you want me to give more input I would be happy to provide it for free.

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