

## Descending Hills

It is usually advisable to descend hills with the BIG RED pointed directly downhill, avoiding angles that would cause the vehicle to lean sharply to one side. As you approach the point of descent, stop and survey the terrain below. Never ride headlong past the limit of your visibility. When you have picked a safe path of descent, shift the transmission into low gear and descend slowly with the throttle closed. Sit back on the seat, with arms extended and braced on the handlebars. When descending sand dunes, you should apply the brake intermittently to further reduce forward speed. Braking effectiveness is, of course, reduced while descending any incline with a loose surface.

### **▲ WARNING**

- \* *Use the front brake cautiously when descending a hill. Hard or sudden application of the front brake could cause the BIG RED to overturn.*
- \* *Use caution when applying the rear brake going downhill. Four wheel drive interconnects all wheels, so applying the left hand brake lever or brake pedal will brake the front wheels.*
- \* *Do not reduce power suddenly by closing the throttle or downshifting while descending a hill, or the rear wheels may rise off the ground. If the rear wheels lift, the vehicle may turn or pitch over, out of control.*
- \* *Adding cargo or towing a trailer will greatly*

*reduce your ability to descend hills safely. Be sure to load the cargo in the middle of the racks, and toward the center of the vehicle.*

