

ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

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Newsletter

Over 700 new members this year!

Welcome!

The Bridges Of Saint Louis County

*Ride Them, Photograph Them, Talk To The Clubs That Built Them,
At The 2021 ATV Minnesota Ride & Rally*





Get Your Camera Ready

As you look over the 12 guided rides when registering for the ATVMN State Convention (Ride & Rally), you'll see many include routes over scenic bridges. Have your camera ready to photograph them during your ride. The Kawishiwi Bridge (top photo, by Lou Ann Marks) is part of 4 of the rides. It's also featured in original artwork by Joe Baltich, donated to the event auction.

Registration Now Open For 2021 ATVMN State Convention

*Choose from 12 Great Rides
At This Year's "Fall Ride & Rally"*

**Ride New Trails Completed This Summer.
See Details & Maps For All 12 Rides At ATVAM.org**



ATV Minnesota Ride & Rally is Sept 17-19 in Ely. Check out the schedule and register today at atvam.org.

This year our State Convention returns to the Ely area with a fun 3-day schedule, including the Friday VIP Ride and ATV Big Air Tour, and Saturday guided rides, banquet, raffles and auction. It's hosted again this year by the Prospector Alliance. Details, sponsorship opportunities, lodging list, and registration are all at atvam.org.

Please register & pay separately for the Friday VIP ride and Saturday ride/banquet.

Register your group today!

Call everyone in your group heading to Ely, check out the ride details and maps, then register for your favorite, choosing from 12 rides of varying lengths. Or choose the self-guided ride option.



Example (map shown): Ride 1: Ely to Crane Lake, 116 miles round trip

Leaves at 9 a.m. from the parking lot off Highway 1 near the Ely softball complex. This ride is primarily on roads, from Ely to Highway 88 to the gravel Echo Trail. Stop at the Fire and Ice display by the U.S. Forest Service explaining

how forest fires and glaciers sculpt the landscape. Continue on Echo Trail, then on ATV trail to the Voyageur Country ATV bridge over the Vermilion River. If there is time, also a stop at the scenic overlook (shown), before lunch at a restaurant in the Crane Lake area (cost not included). Echo Trail back to Ely via the same route with a stop or two along the way to take a break.

All ATV clubs and business members: Help us make this the best State Convention ever. Please consider being a sponsor or donating to the

auction. Details are provided in letters recently mailed to your club or business. Thanks for your support!

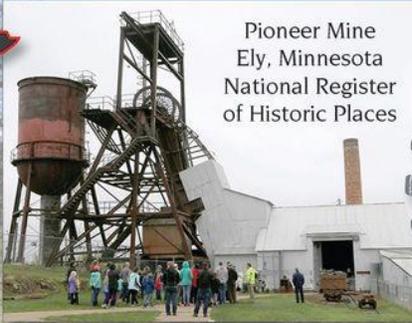


Prospector Volunteers In High Gear

Building bridges, placing signs, cleaning shelters, clearing trails of windfalls after a storm and much more. The members of the Prospector ATV Trail System are pulling out all the stops in preparation for the 2021 ATV

Minnesota State Convention. Thanks to all for your hard work!

September 17-19, 2021 in Ely, Babbitt, Embarrass & Tower ATV Minnesota State Convention 2021



Pioneer Mine
Ely, Minnesota
National Register
of Historic Places

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ATVMN Ride and Rally Sept 17-19, 2021 Schedule of Events

FRIDAY 9.17.21

8am Registration opens
8am Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall Embarrass
10am VIP Rides Begin
Noon-2pm: VIP Lunch on Lake Vermilion
Time TBA ATV Big Air Tour in Babbitt
5pm-7 Dinner Specials at Local Restaurants

SATURDAY 9.18.21

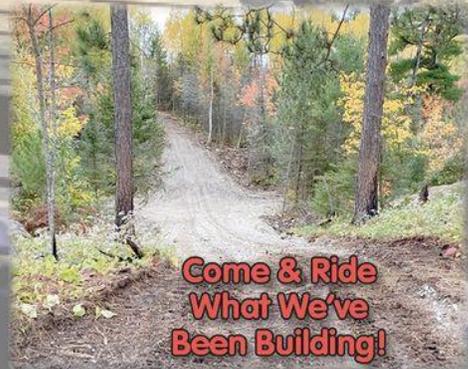
7:30-9:30am Pancake Breakfast by the Volunteer
Fire Dept at the Morse-Fall Lake Fire Hall
8am-5pm Registration open at Grand Ely Lodge
10am Guided ATV rides offered at various
locations including a lunch stop at local restaurants.
Different rides of various lengths/difficulty.

Saturday Night @ Historic Pioneer Mine:

4-8pm Silent Auction to benefit ATVMN
5-7:30pm ATVMN Ride and Rally Banquet
7pm General Membership Meeting & Election
ATVMN Live Auction to follow

SUNDAY 9.19.21

9am ATVMN board meeting at Grand Ely Lodge



**Come & Ride
What We've
Been Building!**

Register for Ride and Rally 2021 at ATVAM.org. Price for Friday's guided ride and VIP lunch \$10. Guided ATV rides Saturday and Saturday night banquet \$35. Kids 12 and under FREE at all events.



NOT GETTING THE MAGAZINE?

Please note: If our new magazine Minnesota Wheelin hasn't found its way to your mailbox, it could be because your membership has expired. Check a recent issue for the expiration date of your membership, printed on the mailing label. Join or renew your membership in ATV Minnesota at atvam.org. Be sure to include your email address to receive our twice-monthly e-newsletter with even more news and information. Please contact us if you are a current member but not receiving the magazine.



Gear Up For Ride & Rally With ATV Minnesota Clothing

Cool riding jerseys and tie-dyed dust masks for summer, warm hoodies and long-sleeve shirts for fall. Stay comfortable on your rides AND support ATV Minnesota by ordering gear for yourself and your family. Check it all out, choose your favorite gear, then check out fast and easy on the clothing

page of the ATVMN website at this link: <https://all-terrain-vehicle-assoc-of-mn.square.site/>



Comment Period Opens on Miller Black Bear Trail Expansion

Crow Wing County desires to designate an additional 12.5 miles of OHV Trails in central Crow Wing County within the City of Trommald, Wolford Township, and Irondale Township. Of the 12.5

Let's Ride!

Details for events below are on club websites or Facebook pages. Send us your club rides and events to be listed here.

August 14 - Kilkenny Fire Run. Annual fundraiser. Little Irishman Park, Kilkenny, MN. Registration at 10 am, ride starts 12:30 pm. Details at:

miles proposed, 6.25 miles are undesignated and unmanaged existing forest trails currently open to all-terrain vehicles and 6.25 miles will be newly created trails. All 12.5 proposed trail miles will be an addition to the designated multiple-use recreation trail system known as the Miller Black Bear ATV Trail. The proposed trail expansion will include designated motorized uses by all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and off-highway motorcycles (OHMs). All forms of non-motorized recreation uses will also be allowed.

Comments must be submitted by August 30th at 5 pm. Comments may be submitted by email to landservices@crowwing.us or by mail to: Crow Wing County Land Services Department, 322 Laurel Street Suite 15, Brainerd, MN 56401. Here is a link to see the complete trail proposal and trail maps:
<https://www.crowwing.us/289/Recreation>

<https://www.kilkennymn.com/kilkenny-fire-atv-run>

August 21 – Woodtick Wheelers - Club Ride on UPM-Blandin Trail. A club favorite, nice easy ride through the woods. Meet at 9 am at the parking area - 7.5 miles north of Hill City on 169 then east on Smith Dr. Ride to Hill City for lunch.

August 21 - Veterans Ride, 10:30 am, Remer Motel & Campground, Remer, MN. Proceeds to MN Military Family Foundation. More info, call: 218-566-2555.

August 28 - Over The Hills Gang ATV Club "Explore Minnesota Trails" Ride, 10 am, Chisholm Trail. See club Facebook page for details.

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3rd Annual "Because of Brandon" Ride Raises \$2,700

By Ken Irish, NE Regional Director

The Cuyuna Iron Range Riders hosted the 3rd Annual Because of Brandon Ride on July 24 to raise money for juvenile diabetes education. The ride is part of the Because Of Brandon fundraising event hosted through the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center. Brandon, a young man from Ironton, Minnesota, passed away in 2015 at the age of 27 from juvenile diabetes. Thirty-five people with 19 machines came out to support the cause at the Mississippi Northwoods Trail. Crow Wing County commissioner Doug Houge, Brandon's father, gave an update on the charity. Amy Hart, interim CEO at the hospital, also spoke. Several people that attended the ride were type one or two diabetic.

After the speakers, Andrew Suchla, club vice president, and Russ Heittola, grant manager, each lead a group on a guided ride through the scenic Mississippi Northwoods Trail. Afterwards, the group had sandwiches, chips, zucchini bars, brownies and beverages. This was the 5th annual fundraiser for the hospital and as of this year, the event has raised over \$250,000 dollars for area diabetic patients. The money raised supports educational events, travel expenses, and meals for families.

With on-line donations, business donations and a donation bucket that was passed around, the group ride raised \$2,700 dollars. So far, the club has raised \$4,900. The club was formed in 2004 and maintains the Mississippi Northwoods Trail and the Miller Black Bear Trail, and currently has 65 members. The Mississippi Northwoods Trail area is located 5 miles west of the city of Ironton on Highway 210. Ken Irish is president of the club and is a regional director for ATV Minnesota.

From the ATV MN Communications Team:

-Send your comments, club news, photos and article ideas to:

d.halsey@atvam.org

-Forward this email newsletter to club partners and business sponsors if they aren't ATVMN members already.

-All members should receive this newsletter and Minnesota Wheelin magazine. Let us know if you're not. Please note: ATVAM is also referred to as ATV Minnesota.

-Send member renewals to: ATVAM, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079.

E-newsletters are now archived on atvam.org to refer back to on topics.



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RIDE & RALLY

Annual Convention
Sept 17 - 19, 2021
Hosted by Prospector ATV Club

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This year's ATVAM Ride & Rally will be our biggest ever! Hundreds of riders from across the state will be attending, as well as many elected officials, public land managers and DNR staff and COs. **We invite your business to sponsor this great 3-day event:**

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$250
SILVER SPONSOR: \$500
GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,000

All sponsors will be highlighted and recognized throughout Ride & Rally, on printed material and posters at event locations. If you have a company poster, banner or flag, we will display that for you as well.

Please pay online at atvam.org or mail a check by September 1, 2021, so we have time to add your business name or logo to all materials.
Mail check to: ATVAM, P.O. Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079
Email logo to: logo@atvam.org ATVAM is a 501(c) 4 non-profit organization.

ATVAM, its executive board and 80 member clubs work hard year-round to:
-Promote safe, responsible ATV riding. -Advance legislation to fund public ATV trails. -Partner with the Minnesota DNR to spend the dedicated ATV Fund wisely. -Provide ATV clubs with the "tools" to build trails that are fun and sustainable.

Thanks For Supporting the ATVAM Annual Convention!
Questions? Email ATVAM at atvamoffice@atvam.org. Or call 800-442-8826

ATV MINNESOTA *"Your Voice To Ride"*

Dedicated Volunteers
Building Fun &
Sustainable
ATV Trails
For The Riding Public

**Invite friends and family
to join today. Gift
memberships available!**

See the mailing label on your Minnesota Wheelin magazine for the renewal date of your membership.

Be sure to include your email address on the renewal form to receive newsletters. And send renewals to ATVMN's mailing address: PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079.

***All those in favor of your ATV club
or business sponsoring the Ride & Rally, say aye!***

Belonging to ATV Minnesota, you join thousands of riders throughout the state, have fun, and help create a positive future of ATV riding in Minnesota.

As a family or individual member for just \$20 you receive:

- A subscription to Minnesota Wheelin magazine (6 issues per year)
- Twice-monthly newsletter by email with the latest news and information
- Membership card and bumper sticker
- Invitation to events, including our Legislative Summit in winter, Vision Meeting and Ride & Roast in the spring, and State Convention "Ride & Rally" in the fall, as well as general membership meetings
- Discounts with many of our business members
- A full-time lobbyist at the State Capitol, helping create pro-ATV legislation, and moving forward important bills that help provide funding for new trail systems

As a business member, for \$75 you receive:

All of the above, plus:

- Your business name and contact information listed in Minnesota Wheelin magazine and on the ATV Minnesota website
- Discounts on advertising in Minnesota Wheelin
- Opportunities to reach more customers by sponsoring or donating to our events
- An official ATV Minnesota membership certificate for display in your business

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