

223 New Members This Year...Welcome!

ATVAM Newsletter - August 26, 2020

Newsletter of the ATV Association of Minnesota (Est. 1983)

"Your Voice for ATV Recreation In Minnesota"

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Big Event Tomorrow
Register Today
DNR Virtual Public Meeting

August 27 At 6 pm

(The Next Step To More Trails In SE Minnesota)



ATVAM and its member ATV clubs have hosted a number of meetings and rides in southern Minnesota, building momentum on the path to create more ATV trails. This is the start of the public comment period for the Kruger, Hay Creek and Zumbro Bottoms Units of the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, located in Goodhue and Wabasha Counties.

The DNR is hosting a virtual public meeting on Thursday, August 27 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The DNR is considering a number of measures to improve trail sustainability and enhance user experiences, including:

- Adding new trails
- Adding trail connections
- Changing allowable trail uses
- Closing unsustainable trails

You must register to attend the virtual meeting.

To register, go to this DNR website project page:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/mgmtplans/ohv/designation/revisions.html>

(if link isn't active, copy and paste it in your browser).

You can also submit your thoughts and ideas by emailing them to: foresttrailplanning.dnr@state.mn.us by September 10, 2020. Or mail comments to Joe Unger, Parks and Trails Division, 500 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN 55155.

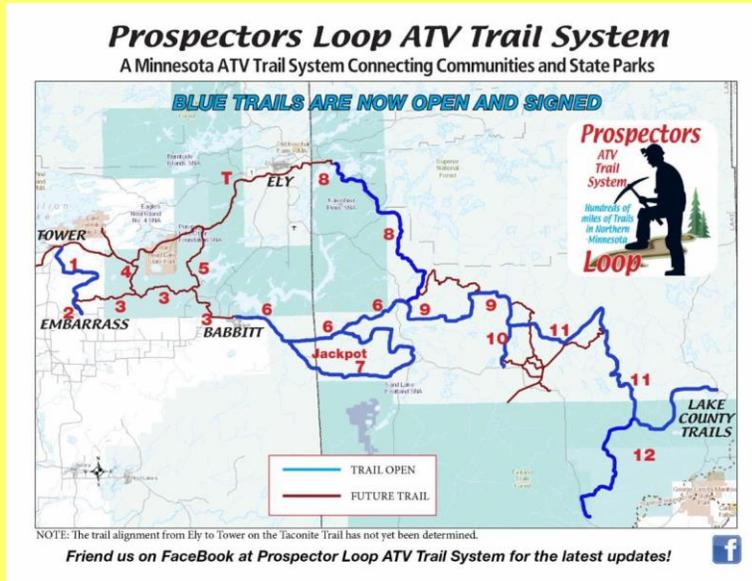
Interest in this topic is huge! This is YOUR chance to get involved, stay involved and create a positive future for ATV recreation in SE Minnesota. Register for the meeting, then register your thoughts and ideas during this important public comment period. Thanks!

Update On 2020 ATVAM State Convention (3 Weeks To 'Ride & Rally')

The 2020 Ride and Rally Committee is gearing up for the event Sept. 18-20. Over 120 people registered for the 12-Pack Rides on Saturday and nearly 100 for the VIP Ride on Friday.

Register Online Now - Some Rides Filling Up

Everyone is asked to be sure to register online sooner than later as we already had to close one ride that reached its maximum number of riders. "We were surprised that the furthest ride filled up first. That just shows we have a lot of people out there who love to put miles on," said Prospector Club President Nick Wognum.



Donations & Auction Items Coming In

Clubs from across the state have been sending in donations as well. "We really appreciate ATVAM member clubs stepping up to help our annual fundraising event," said ATV Minnesota President Ron Potter. "If your club hasn't sent in a donation yet, there's still time to do so." (Details on where to send in article below)

Breakfast Will Be Served

The Friday VIP Ride will now have the opportunity for participants to enjoy a pancake breakfast served outside. "People can come to the Timber Hall in Embarrass from 8 to 10 a.m. and enjoy a great breakfast, and we have plenty of picnic tables for people to sit at," said Prospector board member Gene Wright. The pancake breakfast is separate from the VIP Ride and payment can be made at the Timber Hall Friday morning.



Guides & Sweeps For Every Ride

Guides will be meeting next week to go over their preparations for the event. There will be a guide and a sweep for each ride, including the VIP Ride on Friday. "We want to make sure our guides know what is expected of them so they can be prepared," said Prospector Guide Leader Warren Johnson.

Participants in the event this year should watch for emails relating to what ride they are on, with further information coming out before the event. "This is really the first time we've had a way to contact people ahead of time to let them know what to expect," said Wognum. "That may include what the lunch plans are or what the ride itself will entail."

Online Auction Starts September 9th

There will also be an online auction to support ATV Minnesota with donated and purchased items up on the auction block through eBay. The auction will start Sept. 9 and conclude at staggered times on Sept. 19. "We are going to have some great items for people to bid on and this is a great way to support ATVing and come home with a nice auction item," said ATV Minnesota Treasurer Erv Kleinschmidt.

Raffle With \$1000 Top Prize

The Prospector Club is also holding a raffle in conjunction with the event. There is a top prize of \$1,000 cash along with four \$100 prizes that will be given away Saturday night of the event. "Tickets are \$20 or five for \$100 and the more you buy the better chance you have to win," said Wognum. "We're limiting the number of tickets to 300 so be sure to get yours right away!" Tickets are available from Prospector Club members or send an email to n.wognum@atvam.org for more information on how to buy a ticket.

Registration is open for the Ride and Rally through the atvam.org website. Be sure to get your registration in today!

ATV Sales (And Issues) Jump Here And Across The Country

- ATV sales in the U.S. jumped 43% for the first 6 months of 2020 compared to that period last year.
- Off-highway motorcycle sales shot up 50.3%.
- Polaris recently reported the strongest quarter of demand in its 66-year history, with nearly 75% of customers first-time Polaris buyers.

Normally, off-highway vehicle (OHV) sales go in the opposite direction of unemployment. But this is anything but a normal year. Even though COVID-19 sparked high unemployment, instead of sales dropping, they are off the charts, as people stayed close to home and searched out new ways to have fun outdoors.

With sales of ATVs booming, ATVAM's work promoting safe and responsible riding is more important than ever. County sheriff deputies and DNR Conservation officers are reporting high traffic of OHVs on their roads and trails, including an increase in illegal riding on State highways. According to leaders of the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), this is nationwide trend.



Be Proactive To Welcome New Riders

During a NOHVCC webinar on Tuesday, August 11 (screenshots left), MIC emphasized the need for all OHV clubs to be proactive, to welcome new riders and do all they can to educate them on the regulations in their states. Many are unintentionally doing things wrong, bypassing training, buying new vehicles and heading for the nearest trail.

Action Items: It's imperative for everyone - from OHV

ATV Sales UP

- People want to get outside and have fun with family and friends.
- RVs, boats, tents, bicycles, kayaks....

43.3%
NEW ATV SALES
JANUARY - JUNE 2020.
COMPARED TO THE FIRST
SIX MONTHS OF 2019

From the MIC Road Sales Reporting System, which gathers over 400 individual data from the eight leading manufacturers and distributors in the U.S., providing a strong indicator of sales trends.

dealers to land managers to clubs - to help them feel like they are included, said Erik Pritchard, president and CEO of MIC. We all can help new riders take the scary out of going into a dealership, who don't know how to buy, how to ride and where to ride. "New people are going to do stupid things, not with ill intentions but they just don't know," said Pritchard. "That aggravates the land managers. We have to help avoid that

Ridership: More Riders, Riding More

- The MIC launched a Ridership campaign on social media.
- We started with a commuter message.
- Next week we will focus on recreation.
- We want to encourage people to make good choices while recreating, and riding is the perfect way to spend time with family and friends outside.

mess, with education and sharing what we know."

Pritchard also stressed the importance of educating new riders on rider etiquette and how to ride responsibly to preserve the trails. "If we do these things, they will care and be invested, and spending time doing what we do and share it with others."

OHV Dealers -- Busy With Sales & COVID Plans -- Are The First Point Of Contact For Educating New Riders

During the past five months, the need for social distancing sent thousands of new riders to OHV dealerships. As Mark Sheffield reports in Powersports Business: "Who would have thought that our industry was the perfect preventative for contracting COVID-19? We force social distancing to happen. Within a couple of weeks, most dealers were busier than ever before, with some locations even running out of inventory. Not what we expected. Not even close."

Off-Highway Sales UP

- Off-highway motorcycles up 50.3% YOY for first six months.
- Dual motorcycles are also up – 20.9% for the same time period.



Like all businesses, powersports dealers had to formulate plans to deal with the challenges of COVID-19, but it's tough to prepare for positive cases, adds Sheffield. "That news will travel through your dealership faster than a sonic boom, and it will create situations that are not covered in your contingency plans.

The MIC is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) national trade association supporting motorcyclists in the U.S. by representing manufacturers, distributors, dealers and retailers of motorcycles, scooters, ATVs, ROVs, motorcycle/ATV/ROV parts, accessories and related goods and services. NOHVCC is the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council.

If You See Something, Say Something

**(To educate new riders about OHV regs,
rider etiquette and trail preservation)**

ATV sales are off the charts. Unfortunately, that means new riders often need to be educated -- calmly and with a smile if possible -- so they don't break the law, ride where they shouldn't be riding, damage trails, or put themselves or their passengers in harms way. All of which could jeopardize ATV trails and the hard work clubs put into them.

Case in point, from a post by the Finland ATV Club on Facebook:

So, yesterday the County Sheriff was called. We found several machines riding down the middle of a "designated trout stream." They say they followed another machine so thought it was ok to do. They rode past signage saying that trail was closed to ATV traffic. Once out of the river "they" asked me if it was ok to ride on "that" road.... NO, it's a state highway. Follow the trails.



So please take the time to learn about the area you're going to ride. It's never okay to ride into lakes, rivers, creeks, streams, wetlands or what ever you call them. The damage to this stream will take years to recover from.

And you may NOT drive on any State Highway. (Unless it's part of a designated trail), same with water crossings. It can only be done if part of a designated trail. Also, obey trail signage. Trails are closed for a reason. Sometimes it's to keep you safe, to keep you from damaging fragile ecosystems or keep you off private property.

You're welcome to ride here but please respect where you ride. It's someone's hometown/ property and we can be a tad bit possessive.

Be a good steward for this sport.

***Ride with respect.
Pick up after yourselves.
Ride right.
Ride safe.***

Some Clubs Holding ATV Safety Field Day Classes

As of August 26, there were 12 ATV Safety Rider Courses in 8 counties shown on the DNR website page that lists them. All are full, as demand for classes continues to outpace availability. Some clubs are holding off for now, not scheduling classes due to COVID-19 and the DNR requirements. Others are holding classes.

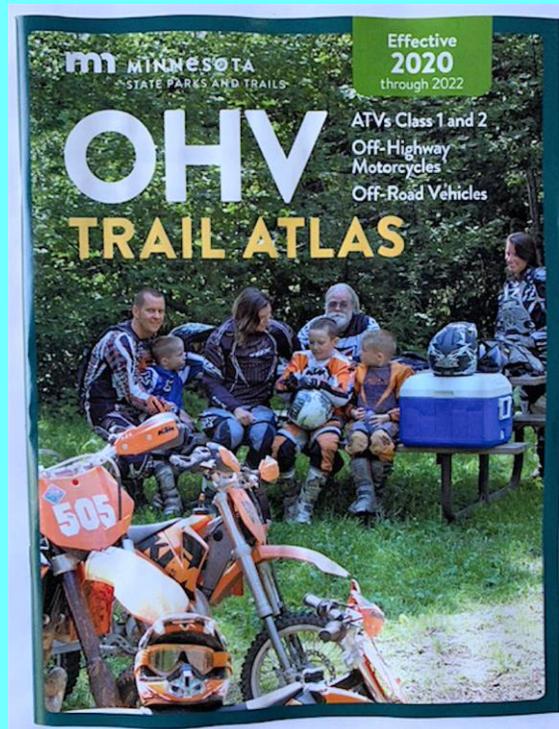


From Loren Arveson, ATVAM Region 1 Director, President, Roseau/LOW Sportsman Club, NorthStar Trail Alliance

On Saturday, August 22nd the Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman Club held youth ATV training classes. 3 separate groups. 9am, 12pm & 3 pm. Total of 42 youth. Many thanks to the 3 conservation officers that spoke with each class. Also thank you to all of our safety instructors.

	Date	Title	Location	County
● FULL	08/29/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class	Stacy	Anoka
● FULL	09/05/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class ~ AM	Prior Lake	Scott
● FULL	09/05/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class ~ PM	Prior Lake	Scott
● FULL	09/12/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class	Harris	Chisago
● FULL	09/19/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class	Lindstrom	Chisago
● FULL	09/20/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class ~ PM	Goodhue	Goodhue
● FULL	09/20/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class ~ AM	Goodhue	Goodhue
● FULL	09/26/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class	Russell	Lyon
● FULL	10/04/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class	Tracy	Lyon
● FULL	10/04/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class	Newfolden	Marshall
● FULL	10/04/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class	Foley	Benton
● FULL	10/17/20	ATV Safety Online Field Day Class ***NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE	New Ulm	Brown

**2020 OHV Trail Atlas Now Available.
(DNR shipping cases to fulfill club orders)**



The updated and long-awaited OHV Trail Atlas has been printed by the MN DNR and is available from the DNR Info Center. It's 80 pages, with maps for over 70 OHV trails, plus trail descriptions, directions to parking, and contact information for the OHV club or DNR staff that maintains them. Some clubs have reported receiving a case (120 atlases), ordered over the past year or more, for their members and for Trail Ambassadors to hand out to riders.

ATVAM president Ron Potter drove down to St. Paul and picked up a number of cases, in order to make the new Trail Atlas available to ATVAM members attending the Ride & Rally in September. Thanks Ron! To order a copy, email info.dnr@state.mn.us or call 651-296-6157. Individual State ATV Trail maps are also available on the Avenza map app; when downloaded, they show your GPS location on

your smartphone or tablet while riding. Happy navigating!

Yamaha Awards Eleven Grants For First Half Of 2020 (Including one in Minnesota)

From a Yamaha August 13 press release:

Marietta, Georgia-based Yamaha Motor Corp., USA, and its Outdoor Access Initiative (OAI) program continues building meaningful partnerships with leading local and national outdoor recreation and land stewardship organizations across the U.S. with recent grants from the first half of 2020.



Yamaha's latest OAI grants support a wide range of outdoor recreation projects, from OHV staging area maintenance and infrastructure development, to trail rehabilitation, signage, and mapping. National collaborations focus largely on land stewardship programs and outdoor recreation education, promoting the benefits and diversity of outdoor experiences to families and youth across the country.

"Mirroring the goals of Yamaha's Outdoor Access Initiative, the recent passing of The Great American Outdoor Act will help public land managers across the country tackle the enormous backlog of necessary maintenance and conservation projects, allowing

everyone to continue enjoying our nation's lands," said Steve Nessler, Yamaha's Motorsports marketing manager. "Yamaha OAI funds can extend and accelerate the effort in restoring America's lands, supporting safe and sustainable outdoor recreation and access for all. Work-ready community or outdoor enthusiast organizations with an interest in land stewardship for outdoor recreation are encouraged to reach out to us for help."

The first and second quarter 2020 Yamaha OAI grants totaling more than \$155,000 were awarded to the following organizations:

- The Great Outdoors Fund, Washington, D.C. (Kisatchi National Forest, LA)
- North Country ATV, New Stratford, NH
- Indian Creek Valley ATV Club, Indian Head, PA
- Lake County Department of Forestry, Lake County, MN**
(For developing a 9.5 mile single-track trail north of Two Harbors, sponsored by the Wild Country ATV Club.)
- National Hunting and Fishing Day
- Northwest Motorcycle Association, Washington State
- Ravalli County Off Road User Association (RCORUA), Hamilton, MT



- Ride with Respect, Moab, UT
- Southern California Mountain Foundation, San Bernardino, CA
- TreadLightly!, Inc., Centerville, UT
- Upper Peninsula Recreational Off-Road ATV Riders, Kingsford, MI

For more than 10 years now, Yamaha has been issuing quarterly grants to non-profit organizations supporting the program's mission. To date, the program has contributed more than \$4.25 million in aid to more than 370 projects across the nation. Yamaha's OAI-supported efforts work to improve access to public land for outdoor activities including riding, hiking, biking, camping, hunting, fishing, and motorized recreation.

The 2020 Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative application schedule, submission guidelines and application forms are available at YamahaOAI.com

**ATV Minnesota Clothing Sale
Now 50% Off On Most Items...**



ATV

Minnesota Clothing is on sale now. Hoodies for just \$20. T-shirts as low as \$7.50. All sale items are clearly marked on the Clothing Page of the ATVAM website. It's easy to pay online and we'll ship your order right away. Start by tapping the "Clothing" tab on atvam.org.

...And New Gear Is Coming Soon

(These items and more available at Ride & Rally)

Fall is a great time to ride. And just in time is a full line of new riding gear from ATV Minnesota. Shown here is a sample of what's coming. All the new gear will be on display and available at the ATVAM State Convention (Ride & Rally) in Ely on September 18-20. It will also be available on the ATVAM website: atvam.org





**2020 Ride & Rally Is 3 Weeks Away.
Register For Your Ride Today.
Please Mail Club Donations By Sept 1.
*Details Below (repeated from earlier newsletter)***

**Adjustments Made
To Annual "Ride & Rally" Convention
Focus is on fun rides, short meeting
and on-line auction: please pre-register!**



**We're downshifting. Big Air and Banquet are out.
Friday VIP ride and a dozen great Saturday rides are in,
with registrations for all online.**

By Nick Wognum, Prospector Loop ATV Club, Ride & Rally host club

With new state guidelines from the Governor's office, ATV Minnesota is making adjustments to its annual "Ride & Rally" convention on the Prospector Loop trail system, scheduled for Sept. 18-19, 2020.

"We're heavy on the Ride part and light on the Rally," said Prospector President Nick Wognum. "With the pandemic this year, we're going to focus on having 12 different rides to choose from on Saturday. And planning for ATVAM members to return for a full Ride and Rally in 2021."

ATV MINNESOTA/PROSPECTOR LOOP 2020 12 PACK RIDE

12 DIFFERENT RIDE OPTIONS ON SEPT. 19, 2020

Sept. 19, 2020 ATV Minnesota/Prospector Trail Rides

Hosted by:



REGISTER ONLINE:
www.ATVAM.org

Guided Rides Depart from:

Ely Softball Fields
Silver Rapids Lodge
Tower Civic Center
Embarrass Timber Hall
Babbitt Softball Fields
Wildhurst Campground
Kelly Loop Parking Lot

Ely, Babbitt, Embarrass & Tower to host both!

2021 RIDE AND RALLY

Sept. 17-19, 2021 ATV MN State Convention

Ride & Rally Sept 17-19, 2021

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



Register
for Ride and
Rally 2021 at
ATVAM.org.

SATURDAY 9.18.21

8am-5pm Registration open at Grand Ely Lodge
..... Junction Inn Babbitt, Tower Civic
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 ATVAM
5-7:30pm ATVAM Ride and Rally Banquet
7pm General Membership Meeting & Election
ATVAM Live Auction to follow

SUNDAY 9.19.21

9am ATVAM board meeting at Grand Ely Lodge

The traditional VIP Ride will take place on Friday, Sept. 18, with everything being held outside. Participants will start from the fairgrounds at Timber Hall in Embarrass, ride to Tower for a lakeside catered lunch and then take the trails back afterward. "Luckily we were able to find outdoor areas with plenty of room for people to spread out. Both Timber Hall and McKinley Park have plenty of space for social distancing," said Wognum. "This is a nice ride that will give people a first look at Prospector, plus they'll get to enjoy a catered lunch on the shores of Lake Vermilion," said ATV Minnesota President Ron Potter.



Ride Prospector Loop!

A team of volunteers from four communities has been working on the Prospector Loop trail system for over 7 years. Prospector trails connect Ely, Babbitt, Embarrass and Tower together and also provide a link to the North Shore trail system in Lake County. "There will be 250 miles of trails when all of the construction work is complete," said Wognum. "Like everyone, we've been impacted by the pandemic and there's a couple areas that won't be done until 2021. But the vast majority of routes will be open for this year's event. And when we host again next year everything should be completed so there will be new opportunities. We're also looking forward to the ATV Big Air Tour in 2021 as well."

Choose from 12 rides: 25 to 180 miles RT.

The 12 different ride options will give everyone from the novice to the experienced rider choices for a fun day out on the trails. "Our meetings for this event have been unbelievable. We have a great group of people who are excited to show people what

we've been working on," said Wognum. "We've put together 12 fantastic rides that will be led by our volunteer guides."

The 2020 12 Pack Ride lengths vary from 25 to 180 miles with seven different start/stop points. "You can choose anything from a nice leisurely ride to an all-day trip where you'll go from near the Canadian border to within 10 miles of Lake Superior. Each ride is unique and we have staggered starting times from seven locations to spread people out," said Wognum.

Please note: All rides have a maximum number of vehicles and require online registration.

Just like the VIP Ride, participants will be required to register online prior to the event at www.atvam.org. "On the website, we'll have descriptions and maps of each of the 12 rides so people will know what they are signing up for," said Wognum. "The VIP Ride is limited to 200 people and each of the 2020 12 Pack Rides have specific limitations as well. **My advice is to register online right away because some of these rides on Saturday are limited to 10 or 20 machines.**"

Auction is also online. ATV Minnesota is following state and CDC guidelines for the rides and the annual auction has been moved to an online format. "We had planned to have the banquet and auction at the Miners Dry building at Ely's Historic Pioneer Mine," said Potter. "To keep with the guidelines we knew the indoor part would be difficult so the annual auction will be done online. We're hoping this works out and people have the ability to bid whether they're on the ride or not. It's our major fundraiser and there's always some great items to bid on." All ATV clubs should watch for a letter on how to sponsor the Ride & Rally and how to donate auction items.

A full-throttle THANK-YOU! to the Prospector Loop ATV Club and all its members and volunteers for their time, energy and commitment to make this year's Ride & Rally happen despite ever-changing conditions, and for continuing their work into 2021.

**Help Make
The 2020 State Convention
The Best It Can Be**



This letter from ATVAM president Ron Potter was recently sent to all ATVAM member clubs. Please discuss it at your next club meeting. Thanks!

Dear Club President and Board,

As we continue to make plans for our 2020 ATV Minnesota Annual Convention, currently referred to as our Ride and Rally, it is important that we understand this is the Annual Convention for our State Association. Although it is hosted by a specific club each year it, is all of our responsibility to make this event a success and participate.

It is understood that not everyone can physically attend the event every year, but to make it a success we must all be involved. This is our one major fund raiser for the year, and our success with this effort

determines how active the Association can be next year in helping clubs and providing leadership where it is needed.

Because this is an ATV Minnesota event we are asking that every club contribute to this event by making a donation to the auction. This can be an item for the auction or a cash donation that will be used to purchase items for the auction, which will be used to generate funds to support the State Association. This can be from business members of the club, business in the community, other connection or contacts the clubs may have. These can be items for the sport of ATVing or items like hunting or fishing trips or trips to resorts with riding opportunities.



With COVID-19 we have had to scale the Ride and Rally back to address social distancing and the safety of the participants. However, the need for fund-raising to support our sport is more important and more necessary than ever.

We are asking for 100% involvement this year and we are asking our Regional Directors to work with clubs to make this happen.

You will be contacted by one of the ATVAM Regional Directors within the next few weeks. If you will not be attending the Convention this year, the Regional Director will help you get your items delivered to the Convention in time. We are asking that each club provide items worth at least \$100.00 for the auction, or a cash donation of equal value. If you need ideas please feel free to contact your Regional Director or

one of the Executive Board members. The Regional Directors and their contact information are listed under "Officers" on the ATV Minnesota website.

If your club is sending cash please make sure it is delivered to the Prospectors Alliance prior to September 1st, 2020, providing adequate time for this donation to be converted to auction items. Visa cards or gift cards are fine and can be delivered just prior to the event.



This year the auction will be conducted differently to comply with COVID-19 requirements. It will be an on-line auction so anyone can bid from anywhere up to the close of the auction for that particular item. You need not be present to participate or to win, but you will need to log-in and sign up to be able to bid.

If you have items you want delivered for the auction please contact your Regional Director or Executive Board member prior to

September 1st and make arrangements for items to be picked up.

Items can also be mailed to the host club at this address: Prospectors Alliance ATV, c/o Paddle Inn, 1314 East Sheridan Street, Ely, MN 55731. Any alerts/questions/comments about donations please contact Ann Johnson at (218) 343-3610 or email at amjohnson@frontiernet.net .



After September 1, 2020 all items must be mailed directly to Prospectors Alliance at the address listed above. If you plan on attending the State Convention and will bring your auction items with you, please let Ann know.

This is your Convention, let's make it the best it can be. With this approach the sponsoring club can focus on the physical event while the remainder of the clubs across the state make sure the fund-raising part of the event is a great success as well.

Thank you for your assistance with our State Convention, if you have any questions please let me know or contact one of the State Board members.

Best regards.
Ron

Ron Potter, ATVAM President
(218) 235 - 0382
r.potter@atvam.org

COVID Forces Changes To Election Process At Ride & Rally

From the ATVAM Bylaws Committee:

Changes to this year's Ride and Rally event in response to COVID-19 have also resulted in some minor changes to the election process. With no banquet being held and all activities being held outdoors, the Board has decided the General Membership Meeting will be a brief and limited outdoor meeting for the purpose of conducting officer elections, as required by the ATVAM Bylaws.



ATVAM BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME AND ADDRESS

Section 1 This Association shall be known as the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota, Inc. hereinafter referred to as ATVAM or ATV Minnesota.
Amended 09/22/18.

The Bylaws Committee, with the consent of the Board, has made some adjustments to the election procedures for this year. These changes are:

1. Nominations from the general membership must be submitted in writing by September 1 as no nominations will be taken from the floor at the General Membership Meeting. (See article below announcing opening of nominations.)
2. Ballots will be provided at the Ride and Rally event registration booth to members who have registered and are in attendance at the event.
3. Members will place their completed ballots in a secured ballot box located at the main registration booth on Friday and Saturday.

These changes have been made in order to minimize the amount of time the general meeting needs to be in session, limit the handling of ballots and contact between meeting attendees, and allow for voting by those who choose not to attend the General Membership Meeting.

These minor, but necessary changes from the normal election procedures are in keeping with the spirit and intent of the ATVAM Bylaws and Election Procedures by giving all members an opportunity to nominate candidates for the open offices and to allow all members attending the event the opportunity to cast their ballots.

In the case of no nominations being received from the general membership, no ballots will be distributed as the current officers, all of which have been placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee, can be re-elected by the casting of a white ballot at the general meeting. Thanks for paying attention to and abiding by these changes at the annual convention.

Nominations Are Now Open For 3 Officer Positions

The Elections Committee is now accepting nominations from ATVAM members for the offices of President, First Vice President, and Secretary.

Any ATVAM member in good standing may submit a nomination or be nominated. **All nominations are to be received no later than September 1, 2020.** Nominations will not be accepted from the floor of the General Membership Meeting this year because of restructuring the meeting due to COVID-19 concerns, yet follow our Bylaws & Election procedure as closely as possible.

Nominations from members shall be submitted to:

Sherry Miller
Chairperson, Elections Committee
shmiller1@comcast.net

The Election Committee has accepted the following nominations:

-Ron Potter (incumbent) for President.



-Dave Clevenger (incumbent) for First Vice President.



-Nick Wognum (incumbent) for Secretary.

The current officers, names and photos their nomination for their present candidates on the election ballots. Other individuals who are nominated and accept their nomination will be included in future ATVAM newsletters.

above, have accepted positions and will be

The election will occur at the ATVAM Annual Convention "Ride and Rally," September 18-19, 2020. All members present at this event may vote. Election results will be announced at the end of the General Membership Meeting on Saturday evening, September 19, 2020.



ATVAM & ATV Club Events Coming Up

Send your club schedule for rides/work days to: d.halsey@atvam.org .

Many ATVAM members do not belong to an ATV club and are looking for one to join, ride with and help build trails.

-Next Monthly ATVAM State-Wide Board Meeting - September 20, at the 2020 Annual Convention, Grand Ely Lodge

-September 18-20 - ATVAM Annual Conference / Ride & Rally

Host: Prospectors ATV Club/Ely Friday VIP Trail Ride, Big Air ATV Tour
(cancelled) Saturday 12 Trail Rides, Banquet (cancelled) / Meeting & Online Auction.
Register for all rides at atvam.org. Lodging and camping also shown.

**Region 1 Club Rides & Work Days:
Roseau/LOW Sportsman Club**

ROSEAU/LOW SPORTSMAN CLUB
14TH ANNUAL
SEPT. 12
2020
ATV FUN RUN

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY!

Calling all Redneck Riders
To Carp's Pit Recreation Area

COVID safe plan!

HIT THE ONLINE REGISTRATION BUTTON
CHOOSE YOUR "FLIGHT" TIME.
ARRIVE NO SOONER THAN
YOUR "FLIGHT" TIME.

\$25 INCLUDES LUNCH
RAFFLES - GAMES - TICKET SALES

**Region 2:
Prospector Loop and Babbitt ATV Clubs**

JOIN US ON THE
3rd ANNUAL ATV Ride
 The Black Sheep Run for *Special Olympics*
 Minnesota



Guided by
 Prospector Loop ATV Club
 & Babbitt ATV Club

REGISTRATION \$25
 All proceeds go to Special Olympics Minnesota
 ROUTE: TBD • START: BABBITT, MN
 SOFTBALL FIELDS ACROSS FROM HIDEAWAY ON HWY 70

OCTOBER 10th, 2020
 DEPART TIME : 10 AM
 Lunch provided along the ride!



To register or for more information
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Voyageur Country ATV

September 6 -- Work Day. Help clean around trail markers, picnic area, bridges and overlooks. Bring a weed whip, brush cutter, chain saw or other tools.

Details on the club Facebook page.

September 26 - Fall Club Ride, details to come.

Region 3:

Central Lakes ATV Club

September 26 - Club ride at Red Top ATV Trail, 10 am

October 24 - Club ride from Spider Lake to Hackensack, 10 am

Details at club Facebook page

Over The Hills Gang ATV Club

August 29 - Exploring MN ATV Trails group ride, Hill City Trail, 10 am

September 12 - Ladies Only Ride, 10 am, Emily Outing Trail

See club Facebook page for more details

Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club

August 29 - Annual Meeting & Membership Drive, 9 am, parking lot of the Bear Pause Theater, Hackensack. With 10 am ride to Whipholt Beach on Leech Lake.

Details at www.woodtickwheelers.com

Region 4:

Please submit for next newsletter.

Region 5:

South Metro ATV Club

October 1-5, Black Hills trip

See club website for updates on ride status: www.southmetroatv.com

Region 6:

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Building Fun & Sustainable ATV Trails
For The Riding Public

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

- A subscription to *Minnesota OffRoad* 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 and Vision Meeting in the spring, and the ATVAM Fall Ride & Rally, 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

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