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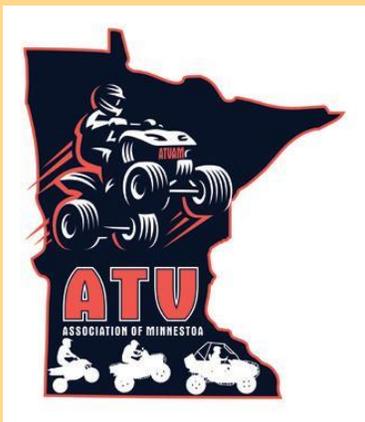
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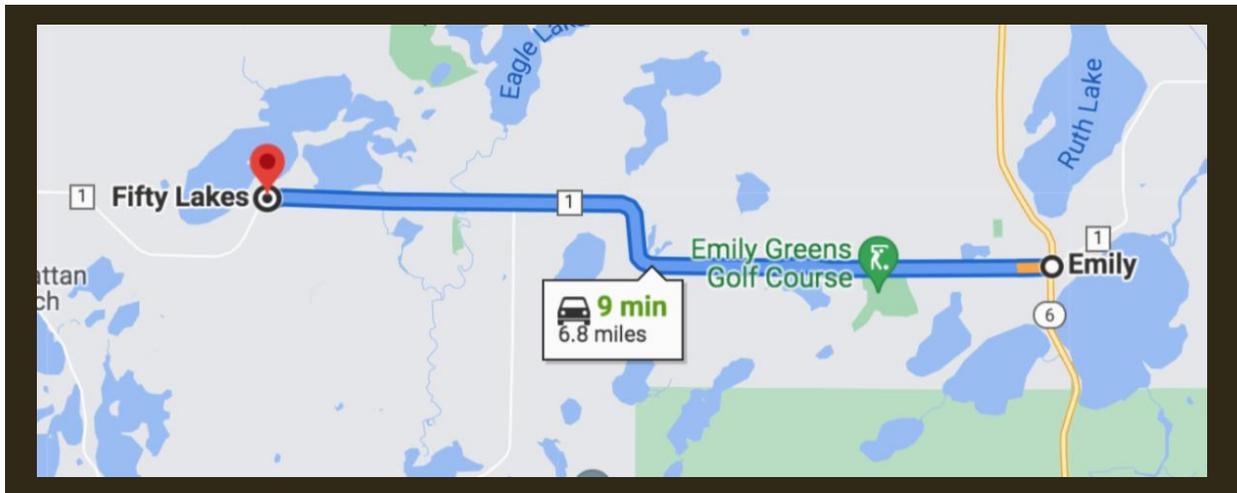
830 new members this year!

Welcome!



ATVAM Is Now ATV MN

Amendments to the bylaws of the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota, Inc., were approved at the General Membership Meeting in Ely on Saturday, September 18, 2021. A key organizational change is referring to the organization as ATV MN instead of ATVAM, adding clarity to the name. The Director at Large title is now State Director, with renewed state-wide responsibilities. These and other approved bylaw amendments are printed in the July/August, 2021, issue of Minnesota Wheelin magazine, and on the ATV MN website.



2022 Ride & Rally In Fifty Lakes

ATV MN President Ron Potter, and its executive board, chose the City of Fifty Lakes for its 2022 State Convention (Ride & Rally), providing a central location to members and member clubs. The event was held the past 3 years in northern Minnesota at Crane Lake and Ely. The Fifty Lakes area has hundreds of miles of designated, signed Grant-in-Aid ATV trails, along with hundreds of miles of legal routes open to motorized use, altogether linking Fifty Lakes to the communities of Crosslake, Emily, Outing, Remer and beyond. Next year's location was announced September 18th during the General Membership Meeting in Ely. The host club will be the Over The Hills Gang ATV Club. A planning committee of city, club and ATV MN leaders has been formed. More details to come. Dates are September 16-18, 2022.

The screenshot shows the POLARIS RIDECOMMAND app interface. On the left, there is a list of points of interest including Tom And Jerry's, Jim's Sports Club Bar And Grill, Chisholm Trail Trail System, The Hydeaway, The Oasis Bar And Grill, The Britt Lounge, Loon Point Resort, and Antler Lake Store And Motel. The main map area shows a red line representing the Chisholm Trail system, extending from Chisholm towards Hibbing. The app includes navigation controls like 'Show on map', 'Plan A Route', and various icons for search, map, and settings.

Chisholm Trail Now Connects To Hibbing

The new ATV trails just keep coming! The Northern Traxx ATV Club, which built and maintains the Chisholm Trail, just opened a connection from Chisholm south to Hibbing. Watch for a full report with photos on this new and scenic trail connection in a future issue of Minnesota Wheelin.



Trail Ambassador Classes Ahead

Interested in becoming a DNR-certified Trail Ambassador with your ATV club? Two DNR training sessions will be offered before the start of the 2022 TA season: Saturday, November 20, 2021, (registration ends Nov 17) and Saturday February 26, 2022, (registration ends Feb 23). Both classes are at Camp Ripley. Pre-registration is required (no walk-ins) and

there are prerequisites. Complete details are on the DNR website at: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/ta/index.html>.

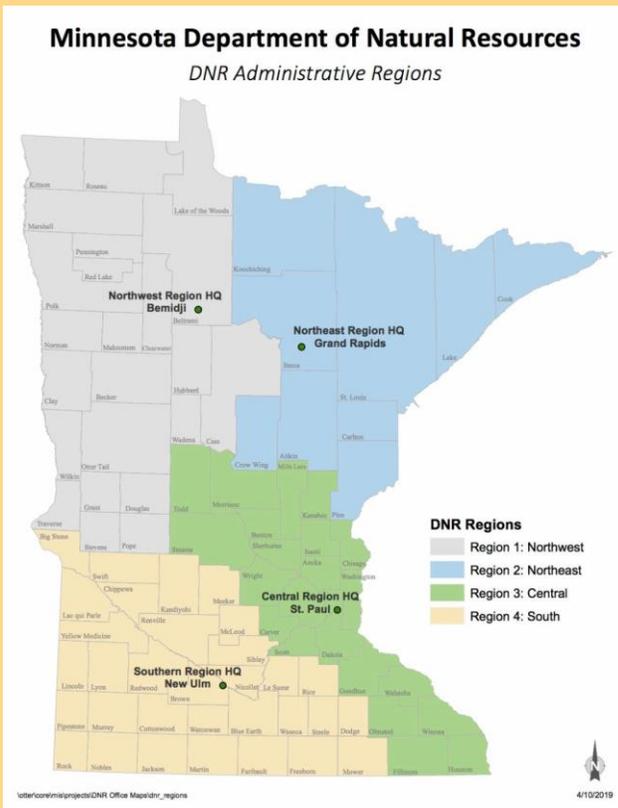
Also, four ATV Instructor Certification Classes, a prerequisite to taking the TA class, are scheduled, in Fergus Falls October 12, Chisholm October 13, Pillager November 27, and Forest Lake January 17, 2022. Pre-registration is required; details are on the DNR website.



September Vandalism

The term “vandalism” comes from the Germanic Vandals, a uniquely destructive people of the 17th century. It seems some of their offspring are still around and went to work in September. Even before it opened, the new Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail had directional trail signs torn down. Farther north, someone illegally took down DNR and club signs from the Prospector Loop and stashed them in the woods (photo), including stop signs, creating confusion and the possibility of causing accidents. The DNR and law

enforcement officers were notified.



New Roles At DNR Parks & Trails Division

ATV clubs across Minnesota work closely with the Parks & Trails Division of the Minnesota DNR, building and maintaining ATV trails.

P&T recently announced some personnel changes. As of September 1st, Joe Unger is the new OHV Program Consultant. “Joe brings a wealth of experience to this position,” said Laura Preus, Statewide Programs and Planning Manager for the division. Joe had been the OHV Planner with Parks Trails. Prior to that role, he was an OHV Park Ranger for the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon. “In Joe’s work with Minnesota, he has demonstrated his calm, collaborative, and effective approach to implementing challenging OHV plans and projects,” adds Preus.

Two New A&Ds

Parks and Trails also recently filled two open positions for regional OHV

Acquisition and Development (A&D) Specialists.

As of October 4th, Ali Crofts is working in the DNR’s Central Region (formerly held by Nancy Spooner-Muller). Ali comes to the position after working with DNR’s Lands and Minerals, Parks and Trails, and Fisheries Divisions. Major projects in the region include the Houston OHV Trail System and the Mille Lacs ORV Area.

Karen Cladas will be working in the DNR’s Northwest Region (formerly held by Tim Williamson). Karen comes to the position after working with the DNR’s Division of Forestry. Major projects in the region include the Border to Border Touring Route and the Foot Hills State Forest Trail Revisions. Karen has a dual-sport motorcycle, and enjoys riding around the area. Karen’s first day in the position is Wednesday, Oct. 13.

“It is great to have two people in the roles with diverse backgrounds within the DNR,” said Joe Unger, OHV Program Consultant. “These backgrounds should help as we conduct internal reviews of projects.”



American Trails Webinar On Trail Ambassador Programs *(Minnesota's to be featured)*

“Best Practices” from some of the top trail ambassador programs in the nation is the

topic of an American Trails webinar. Part of its “Advancing Trails Webinar” series, it’s scheduled for October 28th, from 10 AM to 11:30 AM. It will feature four speakers with programs of a variety of trail users, including one very familiar to Minnesota ATV Clubs. Bruce Lawrence, Recreational Vehicle Coordinator, DNR Division of Enforcement, (see photo) will present information on the very successful Trail Ambassador program in our state. For more details and to register, visit the American Trails website at americantrails.org and tap “webinars.”

Just a few U.S. states have off-highway vehicle (OHV) Trail Ambassador programs. Minnesota is one of them. The “Minnesota DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassador Program” was established in 2007 by the DNR Divisions of Enforcement, Parks & Trails and Forestry. Today, 200 DNR-certified Trail Ambassadors from 22 ATV clubs monitor State OHV Trails from May 1st to October 31st. They report trail issues needing repair, and visit with riders, answering questions and handing out the OHV reg book, DNR Trail Atlas and other materials, promoting safe, environmentally responsible operation of OHVs. Oversight and management of the program is the responsibility of the DNR Division of Enforcement, Safety/Education section.



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From the ATV MN Communications Team:

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-Forward this e-newsletter to club partners and business sponsors if they aren't ATV MN members already.

-All members should receive this newsletter and our new Minnesota Wheelin magazine.

-Send inquiries and member renewals to: ATVMN, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079.

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- 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
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