



ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

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Newsletter

870 new members this year!

Welcome!



Help Us Reach 1,000 New Members For 2021

With 870 new members joining ATV Minnesota since January, when we launched our new magazine, we are on pace to reach 1,000 by the end of the year.

Please help us reach that goal by forwarding this email to friends and family who ride but aren't currently members. Tell them that in addition to getting this twice-monthly newsletter, they will

receive Minnesota Wheelin in their mailbox, so they will be totally up-to-date on new trails, club rides, ATV regulations, and other news important to ATV riders across the state.

Encourage all your riding friends to also join the ATV clubs where they live or ride. Some clubs include a membership to ATV MN in their annual dues. There is strength

in numbers when building trails, improving ATV regulations and moving forward the many projects ATV Minnesota and its 70 member clubs work on throughout the year.
Thanks for helping us make this a banner year for new memberships!



The Buzz Is On For The 2022 Ride & Rally

Over 350 riders attended the ATV Minnesota State Convention last month in Ely. Now, the City of Fifty Lakes tells us there is already plenty of buzz surrounding next year's "Ride & Rally". Local businesses are showing interest in being part of the event, scheduled for September 16-18, 2022. To kick things off, the Over The Hills Gang, the host ATV club, had a special banner made (above), and displayed it in their booth at the city's Booyah and Brisket Feed two weeks ago, at the same site as next year's Ride & Rally.

The 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, linking Fifty Lakes to the communities of Crosslake, Emily, Outing, Remer and beyond.



Being in lake country, the Fifty Lakes area also offers those attending the convention many options for lodging, resorts and camping, plus unique restaurants and shops, breweries, and fun fall attractions.

Over The Hills Gang is based in Emily, a few miles to the east and a popular trail town. It has over 500 club members, including 50 business members. It built and manages the Emily Outing Trail and the new Emily Blind Lake Trail. Together with the City of Fifty

Lakes, the club hopes to attract 500 riders to the 3-day event, providing great trail rides, , and a strong economic boost to area businesses next fall before winter sets in.

A team of city, club and ATV MN leaders is now meeting to organize the event, and will be inviting surrounding cities and local businesses to be involved. ATV Minnesota has sent press releases to area newspapers and radio stations. More details will appear soon in this newsletter, Minnesota Wheelin magazine, local newspapers, on the club website (overthehillsgang.org), ATV Minnesota website (atvam.org), and the Facebook pages of ATV MN and the City of Fifty Lakes. *Photo, left to right: Fifty Lakes Mayor Steve Dahlke, Council Member Toni Buchite, Club President Perry May, Deputy Clerk Ann Raph*



Minnesota DNR Crew Is Roving Again

After being limited for many months to day trips with no overnight travel, the DNR's "Roving Crew" is traveling again, working with ATV clubs on trail construction, maintenance and repair. Joe Unger, OHV Program Consultant with the Parks & Trails Division, reports that the crew has been working on a number of State ATV Trails, and is now making major repairs on

the Snake Creek Trail in southeastern Minnesota. The Crew has Sweco and Sutter trail dozers, and two rock haulers. "It's great to have the roving crew roving again," said Unger. **"Talk to your DNR area supervisor about getting on their schedule. Think a couple years out for your work because of the backlog (due to Covid)."**



Many Trails Closing For Winter, Some Re-Open After Firearms Deer Hunting Season

Many State ATV Trails close in late October or early November. About 20 trail systems are open year-round, but all are closed to recreational ATV travel during the regular firearms deer hunting season, starting November 6th. Season dates vary by region, check the DNR hunting regulations for details.

Before you head out, always check out the DNR website for the open/closed status and additional information on both State OHV Trails and State Forest Roads. Here is the link: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ohv/closures.html> .

 ATV Violation Data 			
Violation	Citations	Warnings	Total # Contacts
Fail to Display	115	467	582
Operate Unregistered	78	145	223
Fail to transfer	23	96	119
Fail to Renew Registration	68	157	225
16 & older No Safety Cert	7	150	157
Public HWY	62	219	281
Allow Illegal Operation	53	128	181
Operate on Snowmobile Trail	13	32	45
No Helmet (under 18)	195	357	552
Non-Resident Trail Pass	10	12	22

Data time period: Jan 1, 2021 to Oct 2, 2021

"No Helmet" Ranks High On ATV Violations

Throughout the ATV riding season, DNR Conservation Officers have reported an increasing number of warnings and citations to adults for allowing children under 18 on ATVs without wearing helmets. Of the 552 contacts made, they wrote 357 warnings and 195 citations. The highest violation was for not displaying proper vehicle registration. Also high is riding ATVs on public highways. COs, county deputies and clubs report seeing many Class 1 and

Class 2 ATVs on State Highways, which is prohibited and extremely dangerous. Statistics shown are for citations written by COs, and may not include those written by county sheriff departments. Thanks to Bruce Lawrence with DNR Enforcement for providing this report

during the quarterly meeting of ATV MN and the divisions of Parks & Trails, Enforcement, and Forestry in the Minnesota DNR.

What are the total fines for OHV violations?

Fines for "No Helmet" (under 18) total \$125, more if there is a county law library fee. The Fine Table for DNR violations is public information. Details may be helpful for clubs to know when educating riders at ATV Safety Education and out on the trail. Here is the link to it, see pages 2 to 6 for ATV, ORV and OHM related violations:

https://www.mncourts.gov/mncourtsgov/media/scao_library/Statewide%20Payables/2021-Natural-Resources-Payables-List.pdf



Voyageur Country ATV Builds Fund-Raising "Wall of Fame"

By Gretchen Janssen

Voyageur Country ATV has raised funds for their trail expansion projects by inviting riders to go public! This "Wall of Fame" was built to hold names and messages of folks who support the club and have donated to the trail system.

Voyageur Country ATV has seven trail projects in progress as well as plans for overlooks, vault toilets, and picnic sites to be added to new and existing destination sites. With lots to do comes a

need for lots of fundraising, and this idea was made into a reality by club members who saw something similar in other states. The club requests a donation of \$500 or more for each plaque. Some groups of friends have donated \$1,000.

Beth and Trent Bak, Mark Anderson and Steve Koch have done most of the work to design the placards and build/install the kiosks. Voyageur Country has placed a Wall of Fame at two different sites, both new and popular points of interest. To date, 52 placards have sold for a total net profit after expenses to build the kiosks of \$26,000, all going to trail system enhancement. If you have questions or are interested in publicly supporting ATV riding in Voyageur Country, please email the club at voyageurcountryatv@gmail.com. Thank you!
(Photo: Beth Bak places a new placard on the Wall of Fame)



Facing The Facts On Facebook

Swiping through posts on ATV rider groups on Facebook, many people have good intentions, but bad information. Sometimes arguments break out and both sides are wrong. Case in point: recent posts arguing about what the maximum engine displacement is that's allowed on ATVs in Minnesota.

"I called my county and was told there is a 100cc limit on Class 2 ATVs in Minnesota this year," said one post in a long discussion. In fact, the 2013-2014 DNR OHV reg book was the last year the ATV definition included a maximum cc limit: "an engine displacement of less than 1000 cubic centimeters". Since then, there has been no restriction on displacement. Maximum weight was increased to 2,000 lbs., and as of July 1, 2015, ATV width has been used as the criteria for determining how they are classified and where they can be ridden. Class 1 is an ATV with a total width of 50 inches or less. Class 2 is an ATV with a total width that is greater than 50 inches but not more than 65 inches wide.



From the ATV MN Communications Team:

- Send your comments, club news, photos and article ideas to the ATV MN Communications Team at: d.halsey@atvam.org.
- Forward the twice-monthly email newsletter to club partners and business sponsors if they aren't ATVMN members already.
- All current members should receive the ATV MN newsletter and our new Minnesota Wheelin magazine. Let us know if you're not.

Perhaps your membership has expired, or you changed your email or home address. We want to keep everyone up to date on ATVing in Minnesota.

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

Photo: Selfie station at a scenic stop on the new Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail (closes Nov 1).



Shown above: These are just a few of the many maps, brochures, posters and books available to ATV clubs, their members and the riding public on how to build fun, sustainable trails, promote trails in local communities, and educate riders on legal, safe, responsible off-road riding. To learn more, send an email to the ATV MN Communications Team (d.halsey@atvam.org).

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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 ATV MN logo sticker for your ATV or vehicle
- 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

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