



## **ATV Minnesota**

*"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"*

**April 3, 2022**

**Newsletter**

*Over 100 New Members This Year*

*Welcome!*



## **Countdown To The Trail(er) Opener.**

### **Know Before You Go.**

Quads and SxSs are being prepped, trailers are being loaded, and across the state ATV clubs are working hard to prepare trails for the 2022 riding season. Removing windfalls, replacing culverts, repairing bridges, hauling gravel. They give it their best, as always, then make the tough decision to open trails to the riding public in early May or keep them closed a little longer to dry out and make sure they are safe for the riding public. Opening dates vary. Before you head out, always check out the Minnesota DNR website that shows open/closed status for State ATV Trails and State Forest roads, at this link:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ohv/closures.html>



## Heading For The Jackpot Loop Trail? Bring Carrots.

*By Dave Soular  
Babbitt ATV and Snowmobile  
Club*

We have an old-timer by the name of Jay Chrochet, affectionately known as the donkey man, living off-grid about 12 miles east of Babbitt on the Jackpot Loop ATV trail. Most ATV riders don't know Jay (far left in photo), but if they hear the words "donkey man" they know

what that means. He has a donkey named Hester that loves carrots and just about anything else you bring to feed her. Nobody seems to bring enough food to fill her, you will leave before she quits eating. Most of the time when Hester sees an ATV coming, she will trot down the driveway and wait for treats.



Hester enjoys people and brings a smile to everyone's face, especially kids. Many times Jay will walk down and talk to the riders, telling them of his love for his animals and home. The only thing she doesn't like are dogs. She will chase and bite and kick at dogs even though Jay has two dogs of his own. Numerous people have told us seeing a donkey standing on the road was the last thing they expected to see on a trail in the woods. Hester has been a great brand ambassador for the Babbitt club. Unfortunately, Jay's health is declining and he may soon have to leave his home. Members of the Babbitt ATV/Snowmobile Club went to Jay's home this winter, cut and split a few cords of wood, and brought in three round bales of hay for Hester, and our thoughts were this probably is his last winter off-grid. ***Thanks for this great story Dave! Got a***

***fun story to share? Send an email and photos to our Communications Team at: [d.halsey@atvam.org](mailto:d.halsey@atvam.org)***

Trail List 02/07/2022	
1 Agassiz Recreational - Clay County	41 Moose Walk Trail
2 Agassiz Recreational - Norman County	42 Nemadji State Forest
3 Agassiz Recreational - Polk County	43 Old Greenwood
4 Alborn-Pengilly Railroad Trail	44 Pine Center
5 Alwood Squaw Lake ATV Trail	45 Prospectors Trail
6 Appleton Area Recreational Park	46 Rabey Line
7 Axtell Riding Area	47 Red Dot
8 Balsam Trail	48 Red Top
9 Bemis Hill	49 Rice Lake Pancore Loop
10 Bigfork and Balsam Connection	50 Round River Drive
11 Blind Lake Connector and Loop	51 Saginaw Grade/Lumberjack Multi-Use Trail
12 Blue Ox	52 Schoolcraft
13 Chatfield	53 Shady Oaks Trail
14 Chengwatana State Forest	54 Smokey Hills Trail
15 Chisholm	55 Snake Creek
16 Con Con Trails	56 Solana Loops
17 Crow Wing Southern Loop	57 Soo Line North: Aitkin
18 East Range	58 Soo Line North: Carlton
19 Emily-Blind Lake	59 Soo Line North: Cass
20 Emily-Outlet	60 Soo Line South: Aitkin
21 Fond du Lac State Forest	61 Soo Line South: Carlton
22 Forest Riders	62 Soo Line South: Mille Lacs
23 Fort Ripley and Ripley Connection	63 Soo Line South: Morrison
24 Fourtown-Grygla	64 Soo Line South: Pine
25 Gandy Dancer	65 Soo Pits
26 General C.C. Andrews State Forest	66 Southeast MN
27 Genoa Trail	67 Spider Lake
28 Goodland	68 St. Croix State Forest
29 Hill City	69 Stony Spur II
30 Hovland Woods Trail	70 Taconite State Trail
31 Jackpot Trail	71 Thistledeew
32 Kelliher Trail	72 Timber Freer Loop
33 Lawler Loops	73 Timber Trail
34 Little Moose	74 Trout Valley Trail
35 Matthew Lourey State Trail	75 UPM Blandin Trail
36 Miller-Black Bear	76 Voyageur Country ATV
37 Mississippi River Northwoods	77 Warroad/Roseau Trails
38 Moose River Connector	78 Wild Country
39 Moose River Trail	79 Wilton Trails Northwest
40 Moose Run Trail	

## Monitoring Trails...and Walleyes (Prospector and Voyageur Country trails added to far-north options for DNR-certified Trail Ambassadors)

Mike Banovetz is a new Trail Ambassador. He lives in Ely and is the first TA with the Prospector ATV Club. TAs must ride in twos when monitoring trails, so another newly certified TA, Mike Harcey with the Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club, is going to make the 4-1/2 hour drive from his home in Jordan up to Ely to help out.

The two Mikes are going to monitor the trails from Ely to the Greenstone fire area (Stoney loop), stop in Babbitt for lunch, then head back to Ely across the new Beaver River bridge. The next day, they are going fishing.

Over 200 Trail Ambassadors will be monitoring the State ATV Trails this year.

As shown in the table, they have plenty of choices, including the Prospector and Voyageur Country ATV trail systems, added this year. In case your club's TAs want to be like the Mikes and try some new routes, one option is to ride the trails in St. Louis County's deep woods, then jump in a boat and enjoy a day on the lake.



## Don't Miss A Single Issue of Minnesota Wheelin

All active members of ATV Minnesota should be receiving our Minnesota Wheelin magazine in the mail. Published six times a year, it's 36 pages of news, information and feature articles you won't find in any other off-road magazine. Be sure to check the mailing label on the cover of your magazine, which shows the date your membership to ATV MN needs to be renewed. All current members receive a renewal notice in the mail prior to that date. If

you are a new or current member of ATV MN and pay for your membership through your ATV club, and are not receiving the magazine, check with your club to see when your payment and address information were sent to the ATV MN office. Thanks!

## Club Rides, Fish Fries & Membership Drives

**PARKERS PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB**

**4 -WHEELER  
& ATV/UTV RIDE**

**SATURDAY - APRIL 30th, 2022**

REGISTRATION Begins 9:00 AM  
RIDE BEGINS AT 10:00 AM

Ride begins at  
Thousand Lakes Brewery  
Highway 29- Parkers Prairie

Lunch served 12-1 at  
the Eagle Lake Church

Parking available at Parkers  
High School, Elementary, &  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

**\$25 minimum donation to participate**

Drivers must be at least 16 years old  
---- Drivers & Passengers under 18  
must wear a helmet!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PARKERS PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB'S YOUTH PROJECTS

**Rapids Riders  
ATV Club**

**Spring Ride &  
Membership Drive**

Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9am-4pm

**Ride Details**

9:00am Meet at Shinglemill Road  
trail access

9:30am Groups of 5-8 riders  
depart from Shinglemill  
with Guide every 15 min.

12:00pm Lunch at Harry's Bar

1:30pm Door Prize Giveaway at  
Knuckleheads

2:00pm Ride Back to Shinglemill

Annual Membership is:  
\$12 Individual or Family  
\$32 includes ATVM Membership  
Scan code to pay with PayPal

More information: [www.rratv.org](http://www.rratv.org)

Follow Us on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/RapidsRidersATVClub](https://www.facebook.com/RapidsRidersATVClub)

Family Welcome

ROSEAU/LOW SPORTSMAN CLUB

**FISH FRY**

& MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022**

**WARROAD EAGLES CLUB**

**4PM - 8PM**

**meal raffles**

Single, Family  
& ATVM  
memberships  
available!

RAFFLES,  
FUN &  
GAMES,  
RAFFLE  
TICKETS  
AVAILABLE,  
DOOR PRIZES  
FOR  
MEMBERS

**SUPPORT OUR RIGHT  
TO RIDE!**

All Terrain Vehicle  
Association of Minnesota

MEALS  
\$18 per person  
12 & Under \$10

**Send Us Your Club News & Event Flyers**  
We'll post them in future ATV MN newsletters

### Voyageur Country ATV - Spring Ride /Lunch

April 30, 2022, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. More details to come on club Facebook page.

**Get The Word Out** Invite new members to your club by publicizing your meetings, rides and community events on Facebook, in local newspapers, with flyers at your business sponsors, and on the "Community" page of Ride Command.



### Get Involved, Share Your Club's Views & Ideas At These April Meetings

#### ATV MN Central Region - All-Clubs Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Time: 6:30-8 p.m.

Conference call: 605- 468-8821 Access Code  
731394#

#### Southern Region Meetings

Perry May, ATV MN State Director, will be attending individual club meetings.

April 12, 2022 -- Crow River Wheelers meeting

More to come as scheduled.

## Some Agenda Topics

1. The ATV Statewide Masterplan process
2. The GIA Improvement process
3. The new ATV MN regional club map
4. A request for pictures to make the ATV MN short-story video at Ride & Rally
5. What is the best way for ATV MN to communicate to the clubs?
6. What is your club's priority that ATV MN should focus on?



## ATV Minnesota Vision Conference

April 23-24, Holiday Inn  
1155 US Hwy 10 East  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501  
Phone: 218-847-2121

***(Please register now as  
attending in-person or on  
Zoom)***

This fun gathering of ATV clubs from across the state is always well attended.

At the annual Vision Conference, the ATV Minnesota Executive

Board, Regional Directors and ATV clubs discuss a wide range of topics, with one goal: creating a clear Vision for ATV MN, and the Action Items needed to move it and its 66 member clubs forward, and advance our state's awesome ATV trail system. It's also your chance to buy new ATV MN gear, reappoint or elect new Regional Directors...and more.

Reserve your one or two-night stay today. A block of rooms and discount are under "ATV Minnesota." Event registration is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast, refreshments at breaks, and lunch. Please register early so we can plan for in-person attendance. There is also a Zoom option to attend for the Saturday meeting. Sunday meeting is in-person.

### **Saturday Zoom Details:**

Topic: ATV Minnesota Vision Conference

Time: Apr 23, 2022 08:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Link To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85278962649?pwd=eWNBQXV3TFJWazJrTEdGTFFkcYY1UT09>

Meeting ID: 852 7896 2649

Passcode: 893059

Dial in = 312-626-6799

In-person or by Zoom, either way you are attending, **please register for the Vision Conference at this link:** <https://membership.atvmn.org/vision/>



### **We're Ready To Ride & Roast...Are You?**

Just 7 Weeks Away! Registrations Are Ramping Up!

\$20 dollars per adult, kids 10 and under free. This year: \$25 dollars at the door to cover the cost of going to the grocery store to buy more food (happened big time last year).

Full details, lodging/camping options and registration at [atvmn.org](http://atvmn.org).



## ATV Minnesota State Convention (Ride & Rally) September 16-18, 2022

*New this year: ATV Fair, food trucks, live bands, fireworks! Some lodging is starting to fill up. Contact your ride group, choose a ride option, and register today. Maximum of 25 vehicles on guided rides, or choose self-guided ride option.*

Event details, daily schedules, guided-ride options, camping & lodging lists, sponsorship opportunities ... and did we mention food! food! food!

It's all lined up and registration is open at [atvmn.org](http://atvmn.org).



### Got a Good Story to Tell?

- Been on a memorable ride?
  - Found a remote fishing spot with your ATV?
  - Have a fun story about an ATV club you belong to?
  - Know of an outstanding volunteer who should be recognized for all they do for ATV riding in Minnesota?
  - Is there an important ATV issue we should cover?
  - Want to submit an article or photos? We don't have a budget to pay you, but we will give you a byline and extra copies of the magazine your article or photo appears in.
  - Send your comments, stories, club news, and ideas to: [d.halsey@atvam.org](mailto:d.halsey@atvam.org). Thanks! From the ATV MN Communications Team: Dave Halsey, Nick Wognum, Jeff Leese, Rod Wegner, Dean Schliek.
- Photo: Riders stop to fish at a lake just off the trail in the Foot Hills State Forest.*



**ATV MINNESOTA**  
*"Your Voice To Ride"*  
 Dedicated Volunteers  
 Building Fun & Sustainable  
 ATV Trails  
 (And Boardwalks, Kiosks,  
 Parking, Outhouses & More)  
 For The Riding Public

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

*Photos above, below:*

*Volunteer crews from five ATV clubs helped build the boardwalk trails on the new Emily Blind Lake Trail in Crow Wing and Aitkin Counties, planned, built and maintained by the Over The Hills Gang. Photos by Rod Wegner, Dave Halsey.*

See the mailing label on your Minnesota Wheelin magazine for your membership renewal date. Be sure to include your email address on the renewal form we send you to receive newsletters. Send renewals to ATV MN, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079.

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.
- Invitations to events, including our Legislative Summit, Vision Conference, Ride & Roast in the spring, and State Convention "Ride & Rally" in the fall, as well as membership meetings.
- Discounts at some of our business members (watch for new list being compiled).
- 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 our Minnesota Wheelin magazine and on the ATV Minnesota website
- Discounts on advertising in Minnesota Wheelin. For details, send an email to Creston Dorothy at Pro Print in Duluth: [cdorothy@proprintus.com](mailto:cdorothy@proprintus.com)

-Opportunities to reach more customers by sponsoring or donating to our events  
To join, contact [ATVAM](#) or call (800) 442-8826.

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