



## **ATV Minnesota**

*"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"*

**June 23, 2022**

**Newsletter**

***321 New Members This Year***

***Welcome!***



### **Congratulations to Eric Senarighi Named 2021 ATV Instructor of the Year**

*From DNR press release:*

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has named Eric Senarighi, a Carlton resident and president of the Carlton County Riders ATV Club, as the 2021 ATV Safety Instructor of the Year. Senarighi is a longtime ATV enthusiast who has taught ATV safety, through the club and individually, for years. The club trains about 100 kids per year during classes in the spring and fall. In addition to prioritizing responsible habits and providing students the foundation for a lifetime of safe riding, Senarighi focuses on outreach that ensures ATV riders maintain positive relationships with landowners and others.

“Carlton County is a great place to ride, and that’s due in no small part to Eric’s dedication to all aspects of the sport,” said Lt. Scott Staples, who supervises DNR conservation officers in District 10. “The people in Carlton County and beyond are lucky to have someone like him to ensure the riding opportunities today will be there in the future as well.”



Senarighi was instrumental in the creation of a memorial ATV ride called “Click it for Kyle,” which reminds riders of the importance of wearing helmets and seat belts and practicing safe riding behavior. The ride is in memory of Kyle Ringhoffer, who died in 2019 in a utility terrain vehicle accident. He also organizes an annual “Friendship Ride” in which club members give ATV rides to disabled young adults, and a “Lids for Kids” program in which each student who completes the Carlton County Riders ATV safety training course receives a brand-new helmet. As part of the program, 150 students have received helmets. Senarighi is among the nearly 1,000 volunteer ATV safety instructors who work with DNR conservation officers to deliver ATV safety training certification. Details about safety courses and training are available on the DNR website, as are ATV regulations for Minnesota.



### **ATV Clubs Vs. Nature Smackdown To The Volunteers Cleaning Up, Thanks...Again!**

Just when clubs started opening their State ATV Trails after cleaning up from the Memorial Day storm, many had to fire up their chainsaws and heavy equipment one more time, after 70 to 80-mph winds blew across much of northern Minnesota.

Thanks...again!...to the Range Riders, Wilderness Wheelers, Run-A-Muck ATV clubs, and many others whose dedicated volunteers are out there keeping the trails open and safe for the riding public.



## Wanted: ATV Safety Advocates To Join A New Statewide Team

**Want to make a difference? Want to make a big impact on improving ATV safety across Minnesota? Read on.**

During the 2022 ATV Minnesota Vision Conference, members present voted to form a new ATV Safety Committee. The Committee would focus on bringing ATV Safety related topics more front and center to ATV MN membership and the greater

riding public. We know as an Association that ATV registrations are greatly outpacing ATV education, which is resulting in more unsafe riding conditions on our trails, near misses, injuries, and fatalities. The drive to have ATV Safety as an everyday thought during ride preparation, riding, club and association meetings, education, and communications to others is a goal. This new committee will include a liaison from the Minnesota DNR Enforcement Division, Lisa Dugan, Minnesota DNR Recreation Safety Outreach Coordinator.



### Interested? Contact Kevin Anderson

ATV MN 2nd Vice President, Kevin will be the executive board liaison. His goal now is to recruit safety-minded individuals motivated to improve ATV Safety, into this committee. Kevin is also open to having a Safety Officer in each club. The new committee will choose a chair to lead the group, and set the group's direction.

If you are interested in being part of this new ATV Safety Committee, please contact Kevin Anderson at [k.anderson@atvmn.org](mailto:k.anderson@atvmn.org). Include a short summary of your ATV safety background. Kevin will set up a first committee meeting and then turn over the duties for

future meetings to the ATV Safety Committee Chair.

## How Do You Want It?

How Can Our State's ATV Trails Be Improved?



**Do You Want More Technical Trails?**

**More Play Areas & Mud Holes?**

**More Connections To Communities?**

Over 400 riders have said what they'd like to see in the future, by completing the Minnesota ATV Master Plan Survey....thanks to all!

**The goal is 1500 surveys..so:**

-Please take the survey today.

-Ask your club members and riding friends to do the same.

-To take the survey and learn more about the Master Plan process, just tap on this link:

**[MNATVMasterPlan.org](http://MNATVMasterPlan.org)**.



✓ **Lodging/Camping Reserved**  
✓ **Guided-Ride Options Reviewed**  
\_\_\_ **Register Our Group Today!**

***Get Ready to RIDE & RALLY!***

Our annual state convention is a fun 3-day ATV event hosted in September by a different ATV MN member club each year. This year's convention will be hosted by the Over The Hills Gang ATV Club (based in the Emily/Outing/Fifty Lakes area) and will be held in the City of Fifty Lakes on September 16th-18th. Friday will include a fun ride and lunch attended by State Representatives, Minnesota DNR Parks & Trails, city and county governments, and the U.S. Forest Service, followed by the annual general membership meeting of ATV Minnesota, a bonfire, and live music. Saturday features club-guided rides on local trails, an ATV Fair, food & beer vendors, and more live music followed by fireworks!



## Everything You Need To Know Is At [ATVMN.org](http://ATVMN.org)

The daily schedule, how to register, lodging and camping options, guided rides to choose from, how to sponsor or donate to the event, plus links to the websites of bands that will be playing and much more. It's all at [ATVMN.org](http://ATVMN.org) under the "Events" tab.



## Do You Feel Lucky?

Ride & Rally raffle tickets are available at Emily-Outing-Fifty Lakes area businesses and Over The Hills Gang ATV Club members.

There are two great raffles this year. One is an all-cash raffle, the other includes a grand prize of a recteq RT-700 wood pellet grill, donated by the Voyager Country ATV club.

For raffle ticket information and additional details about the Ride & Rally, send an email to: [overthehillsgang@gmail.com](mailto:overthehillsgang@gmail.com).





## A Ducky Veterans Ride

Many ATV clubs hold special rides in support of Minnesota's veterans, often in partnership with local businesses and dealerships. This month, the Run-A-Muck ATV Club held its 2nd Annual Run-A-Muck Lucky Duck Ride, in partnership with the Keewatin VFW, raising \$6,000. Riders adopted 200 ducks at \$10 each that were released and raced down the river. From the club's Facebook page: "Special thanks to our friends at Dozer's Bar & Grill, MJ's Lodge & Resort, and Ray's Sport & Cycle for their

partnership in supporting and honoring our local Veterans! To all our friends who ran in the Duck Race, purchased raffle tickets, and had a blast out on the trails with us, YOU ROCK! It was a great day and we appreciate everyone's support!" See more fun photos and videos on the club's Facebook page.



## Trail Ambassadors Invited To Help At Minnesota State Fair, August 25 to September 5

The State Fair is a great way for DNR-certified TAs to volunteer and make up trail time missed due to spring storms and closed trails. There are currently no Covid vaccinations or testing requirements for the State Fair. Shifts are 4 hours: 9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm, or 5pm-9pm every day of the fair. You will monitor the ATVs as kids get on and off them, answer Fair-goers questions regarding OHV recreation, trails and

safety training requirements, and distribute ATV-themed color books and OHV atlases as requested.

Interested? Reach out to Jane Isaacs ([jane.isaacs@state.mn.us](mailto:jane.isaacs@state.mn.us)) by June 30th. Once she has a list of those interested, she will send out all the necessary information, forms, and a shift-sign up to get you involved.

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*Note: Time spent by DNR-certified Trail Ambassadors volunteering at the ATV booth in the DNR building at the State Fair qualifies as hours toward an ATV club's TA grant.*



**Big Fund-Raising Opportunity!  
ATV Clubs Invited To Assist With Cleanup  
At 2022 Hay Days, Sept 10-11, North  
Branch, MN**

*From Sno Barons Snowmobile Club: "Calling all ATV Clubs, The Hay Days Annual Event is looking for an ATV Club to manage our trash clean-up at the event both days." Meshell Grosegner said that compensation*

*is \$15,900, with free camping and event perks including event wristbands and a club booth. Requires 30-45 people with ATVs. Additional ATVs and trailers provided. Prefer one club member as point person to manage group(s). If interested and to learn more, contact Meshell at 612-419-6344 or viphaydays@yahoo.com. Note: For many years, ATV Minnesota assisted at Hay Days transporting swap-meet vehicles to event parking. Be sure to read the contract carefully so your club knows the extent of its obligations.*



**Got a Good Story to Tell?**

- Been on a memorable ride?
- Have a fun story about your ATV club?
- Know a volunteer who should be recognized for all they do for ATV riding?
- 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@atvmn.org](mailto:d.halsey@atvmn.org). Thanks! From the ATV MN

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**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!**  
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 per year).
- Twice-monthly newsletter by email with the latest news.
- Membership card and ATV MN logo sticker for your ATV.
- 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 business members (watch for new list being compiled).
- A full-time lobbyist at the State Capitol, helping create pro-ATV legislation, and moving forward 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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