



ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

Member Newsletter

October 5, 2026



Save The Date!

**ATV MN Legislative Summit
December 5th in Wahkon**



***An important meeting, in preparation for the 2027
Legislative Session, which begins Jan 12th***

When: Saturday, December 5, 2026

Time: 8 a.m. to 12 noon

**Where: Meeting room at the Tulibee Tavern, 235 Main
Street, Wahkon MN**

Online registration will open soon. More details on the meeting will be sent to all ATV MN member clubs prior to the next statewide board meeting on October 20th -- we encourage all club presidents or representatives to attend the monthly ATV MN board meeting using Zoom.

The future of ATV riding in Minnesota starts at the Legislative Summit. It's your ATV club's opportunity to help give ATV Minnesota and its lobbyist direction and priority on what Legislative issues and policies will be pursued during the 2027 Legislative Session. All ATV Minnesota clubs are invited to send representatives.

The owner of Tulibee Tavern, Rob Dubbs, is also president of the Mille Lacs Drift Skippers Snowmobile and ATV Club. Rob is an ATV MN member and his business is a new ATV MN business member. His club maintains trail sections on the South Soo Line, Foxy Loop, and Red Top trails. The location of this meeting will be in Mille Lacs County and in the ATV MN Central Region.

I want to thank Drift Skippers club member Gordon Heitke for working with Rob on getting us this meeting space, and rental details, and thanks to Erv for ensuring we have a rental agreement in place. Rob is offering this meeting room space at no cost to ATV MN. We are planning to charge each attendee \$20 to cover the costs related to food, (morning breakfast snacks, lunch, coffee, juice water) and printed handout materials.

Thank you,

Perry May

ATV MN President (Elect)





ATV Minnesota Leaders Attend Outdoor Industry Summit

By Perry May (ATV MN president elect)

On Thursday September 24, 2026, ATV MN leaders Ron Potter, Dean Schliek and Perry May attended the 2nd annual Outdoor Recreation Industry Partnership Summit (ORIP). The day was designed for networking, learning, and celebrating our great Minnesota outdoor recreation. This Summit brought together 140

of Minnesota's outdoor recreation businesses, nonprofit leaders and public-sector partners. The Summit included four panel learning sessions and time to connect with peers across the industry. Minnesota DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen presented an overview of the ORIP efforts to date, and future goals.

Some topline statistics from the 2025-Explore Minnesota_Economic-Impacts-Outdoor-Recreation-V2 include:

- Outdoor Recreation contributes \$24 billion in economic input
- \$14 billion goes toward Minnesota's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- Outdoor Recreation accounts for 100,000 jobs in Minnesota
- 80% of respondents in an Explore Minnesota survey stated "maintenance" of parks and trails should be a top priority

For ATV MN this summit meant networking and reaffirming that motorized recreation is an important outdoor recreational activity. I know each of us walked away with some new contacts to help move forward our ATV MN initiatives.



Axtell Riding Area Opened 10 Years Ago

On September 23, 2016, the Axtell Technical Riding Area opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony, held during the ATV MN Ride & Rally. It's reachable only from the Soo Line North Trail near McGregor, with a variety of natural and placed features. It is part of the 500-mile Northwoods Regional ATV Trail System. For more details, visit the

DNR A-Z OHV trail system website. *Photo by Rod Wegner*



OTHG Ladies Ride Gets Bigger Each Year

"Thank you for all your hard work in setting up this event. We always have so much fun! You are all awesome!" That's one of many positive posts put on the Over The Hills Gang's Facebook page following its 21st Annual Ladies Ride, held September 12 on the Emily area trails. It's the largest ride of its kind in the state, with 105 ladies registered this year, raising \$7,150 for the Pink Ribbon Riders Foundation, which provides grants to men & women dealing with breast cancer expenses. Congratulations to all!



A Tasty Ribfest & Ride In Hastings

By Ken Irish

The Dakota SxS & ATV Club hosted its first annual Ribfest & Ride on October 4th at the Little Log House Pioneer Village in Hastings. Over 300 people came to ride and eat ribs, with 15 vendors competing for cash prizes and trophies for the best tasting ribs. The guided ride left at 10:30, riding along beautiful prairie farm fields and bluffs. The riders came back to eat and vote for their favorite ribs. The weather was perfect for a beautiful fall colors ride.



2026 Wisconsin ATV/UTV Law Updates

Key changes from 2024 to 2026

1	UTV max weight increased to 3,500 lbs.	8	All UTV occupants must wear seatbelts.
2	UTVs must have 2 working tail lights.	9	Eye protection is required unless the vehicle has a windshield.
3	Dune buggies are now clearly defined and do not qualify as UTVs.	10	No towing people on trails/routes; towing disabled machines is allowed.
4	Careless operation/property damage may cost 3x repair costs.	11	Towing people on ice is limited to 10 mph.
5	The 1,000-foot bridge restriction is gone.	12	Windshield/window view must stay unobstructed.
6	Width rule now focuses on operation, not just modification.	13	UTV window tint standards now apply and match DOT.
7	Loud/disruptive operation is now called out.	14	Crash duty: stop, identify, and render aid.



The official resource for Wisconsin riders.

Available from the Wisconsin DNR or online at dnr.wi.gov



Check local ordinances and read the official 2026 Wisconsin ATV / UTV lawbook for full details.

Heading to Wisconsin to Ride?

There are new ATV/UTV laws to be aware of. WATVA reports: "The photo goes over some of the key changes. Based on some of the posts we have read online, we wanted to help clarify a few things.

"Number 4, careless operation causing property damage may cost 3 times the repair cost is designed to help small townships go after riders choosing to destroy unpaved roads / parking lots.

"Number 10, No towing people on trails/routes, this doesn't apply to towing machines that have people on / in them. Here is the actual code: NR64.07(6) TOWING OF OBJECTS. While operating an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle, no person may: While operating on a trail or route open to the public, tow any trailer, toboggan, sled, skis, bicycle, skates or toy vehicle, bearing any person. This paragraph does not apply to the towing of a disabled all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle."

Download the reg book at this link:

https://widnr.widen.net/s/vxqlbz9kc7/wisconsin-atv_utv-regulations





Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 9 AM - 5 PM

Hoo Raa Boo Raa Halloween FUNdraiser Ride

The Lounge on Big lake shores

About Discussion

Inv

Details

73 people responded

Event by Carlton County Riders Club

The Lounge on Big lake shores

Duration: 8 hr

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Typical Halloween Ride FUNdraiser \$30 donation covers your ride, lunch and pizza party. 9am meet 10am ride @Big Lake Lounge. We will ride to County Corner for lunch (club provided) and Cromwell Muni for rehydration before returning to the Lounge about 5-6pm

Everyone is encouraged to dress up!! wear your favorite costume!! We will judge the costumes at The Cromwell Muni when we arrive for a matinee pizza party!!! **See less**



Join CCR's October 24th Ride, With A Special Trail Stop To Honor Daniel Williams

The Carlton County Riders Club let us know that its FUNdraiser Ride on October 24th will include something extra this year.

The club will be recognizing and thanking Daniel Williams for over 30 years of dedication and volunteer work with CCR, many other clubs and ATV Minnesota. "Daniel is always a show-up kinda guy to all of our events and ATV MN activities and rides," said Eric Senarighi, CCR president. Deaf since birth, Daniel shows up at many club rides and work days out on trails, always with a smile and a big hug for everyone. He also shares many photos he takes at club and ATV MN events

on social media. CCR will be doing something special during the ride to honor Daniel.

Please attend if you can, to thank Daniel for everything he has done and continues to do, helping clubs build and maintain their trails, adding smiles and fun at every event.

See the CCR Facebook page for more details. We featured Daniel in the Wheelin Spotlight section of our Minnesota Wheelin magazine a few years ago. Tap it to read more about his dedication and volunteerism. Thanks Daniel for all you do!



Throttle AND Music Therapy At Timber Bay On October 17th

Timber Bay Lodge & Houseboats is an ATV Minnesota corporate sponsor. Located on Birch Lake near Babbitt, MN, it has direct access to the Prospector ATV Trail.

Reserve your group's stay, get some throttle therapy on the trail, enjoying the peak of fall colors on Prospector, then head to Timber Jam '26!

Thanks to Timber Bay for supporting ATV MN and our 73 member clubs as a corporate sponsor! See their ad in the latest edition of Minnesota Wheelin, with a map of their location and proximity to Prospector.

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"Exploring Minnesota Ride"

11TH ANNUAL

Cloquet Valley State Forest

WHEN: OCTOBER 10, 2026

RIDE STARTS AT: 10:30 AM

WHERE TO MEET:
Melruide Whistle Stop,
1763 Melruide Rd., Cotton MN
• Plenty of parking right outside of the restaurant / bar.

SNACK ON THE TRAIL, AND RETURN FOR FOOD AT MELRUIDE WHISTLE STOP AFTER THE RIDE.

or Leave with OTHG group from Hwy 6 and Cty Rd 58 in Outing in the front of Owls & Things, at 7:45 am, then Drive / Trailer to Melruide approximately 110 miles.

Contact Perry May at 612-919-5806 or Andrew Suchla at 612-669-6317 to RSVP or ask for more info.

We had a great time riding the UPM Blandin Trails in 2025; come join us as we explore another great ATV Trail system in Minnesota.

WILDERNESS WHEELERS

TRAILS FRIENDS FRESH AIR GOOD TIMES

RIDE THE EDGE!

ATV SCAVENGER HUNT

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 10, 2026
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | FREE
SCAVENGER HUNT – FUN FOR ALL RIDERS!

RIDE FROM:
RILEY'S BOWSTRING, MN OR **WILDERNESS WHEELERS CLUB TRAILHEAD BIGFORK, MN**

RETURN TO: WILDERNESS BAR, BIGFORK, MN

FREE COFFEE AT BOTH STARTING POINTS
Caramel rolls & other goodies available for purchase!

MEAL: \$10 PER PERSON
Serving Pulled Pork, Coleslaw & Beans

HUGE BAKE SALE
Homemade Goodies!

RAFFLE SALE
Large Selection of Items

WILDERNESS WHEELERS MERCHANDISE SALE
T-shirts, Hoodies, Hats & More!

JOIN THE BAR'S MEAT RAFFLE • 4:00 PM

WILDERNESS WHEELERS DRAWINGS • 6:00 PM

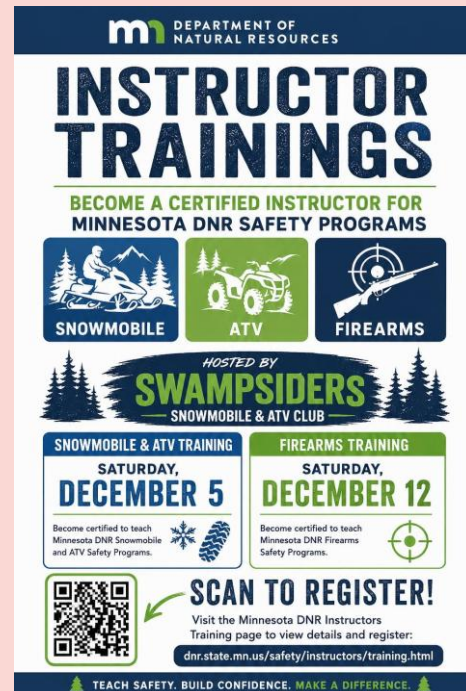
ALL RIDERS WILL BE GIVEN A SCAVENGER HUNT LIST & ATTACHED MAP

TRAILS ★ ADVENTURE ★ COMMUNITY

EXPLORE DISCOVER RIDE TOGETHER!

Fall is the best time to ride!

Send us your club ride and event flyers and we'll post them in the ATV MN newsletter. Thanks!



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ATV MINNESOTA

"Your Voice To Ride" (And Have Fun!)

Seventy-three dedicated ATV clubs and their volunteers, building and maintaining fun, sustainable ATV trails for the riding public (plus bridges, boardwalks, kiosks, parking, selfie stations and more).

Invite friends and family to join today.

Gift memberships available!

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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 our

twice-monthly newsletter. Send renewals to ATV MN, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079. You can also join/renew at atvmn.org.

Belonging to ATV Minnesota, you join thousands of riders throughout the state, have fun, and help create a positive future for ATV recreation in Minnesota.



As a family or individual member, for \$30, you receive:

- A subscription to Minnesota Wheelin magazine (published times 6 a 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 spring, and State Convention "Ride & Rally" in the fall, as well

as membership meetings.

- A full-time lobbyist at the State Capitol, helping create pro-ATV legislation, and moving forward bills to provide funding for new trail systems.

As a business member, for \$90 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 on rates and deadlines, send an email to Creston Dorothy at Pro Print in Duluth: cdorothy@proprintus.com.

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