



## **ATV Minnesota**

*"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"*

**November 5, 2022**

**Newsletter**

*512 New Members This Year*

*Welcome...LET'S RIDE!*



## **Be Sure Your Club Is Represented At The Legislative Summit (Plan & Submit Your Club's Resolutions Now)**

**December 3, 2022 - Grand Casino Hinckley  
ATV Minnesota Legislative Summit**

It is important for ATV Minnesota, its members and member clubs to have a collective voice, communicated through our lobbyists to the State Legislature, to form laws and direct funding that create a positive future for ATV recreation in Minnesota. That process starts with the ATV MN Legislative Summit.

Plan now for your ATV club to be represented at this important meeting, either in person or on Zoom, December 3, 2022, 8am to noon, at Grand Casino Hinckley. We will have continental breakfast available in the room during the meeting.

This is your ATV club's opportunity to submit resolutions to be prioritized and voted on, giving ATV Minnesota and its lobbyists direction and priority on what Legislative issues will be pursued during the 2023 Legislative Session.

All ATV Minnesota member clubs are invited to send representatives; each club gets one vote on resolutions and issues. The resolution form, details and deadline have been

emailed to club representatives of all ATV MN member clubs. If your club did not receive the email and forms, please contact Ron Potter at [r.potter@atvmn.org](mailto:r.potter@atvmn.org).

**Register Today!**

**To register to attend in-person (\$20) or by Zoom (\$5), tap on this link:**  
**<https://membership.atvmn.org/summit/>**

Call the hotel for lodging reservations; there is no room discount available for the Summit.

**Hinckley Casino Hotel 77 Lady Luck Dr, Hinckley, MN 55037  
(320) 384-7328**

Because nothing was passed by the Legislature during the last Session, all existing Resolutions from last year remain active and do not need to be resubmitted unless you need to make a change to that request. If the existing Resolution remains unchanged you do not need to do anything with it.

**We need all new Resolutions into the ATV MN office on or before Friday, November 25th, 2022.** That is Thanksgiving weekend so if that is a problem meeting that deadline please contact the ATV MN office.



## Previous Resolutions Are Still Active

At our last Legislative Summit, held January 8, 2022, 50 ATV club representatives, association lobbyists, county commissioners, ATV manufacturer representatives, and DNR Parks & Trails partners attended.

### Resolutions discussed and voted on as high priorities for ATV MN and its member clubs included:

- To continue working to remove "low pressure or non-pneumatic (tires)," and increase the maximum weight from 2,000 lbs to 3,000 lbs for the ATV definition in State statutes.
- To approve allocating funds from the ATV Dedicated Account or through bonding to expand trail systems of the Roseau & Lake Of The Woods Sportsmans Club, the Prospector Alliance, and Voyageur Country ATV.

**Resolutions discussed and voted on as secondary priorities:**

- To support legislation to open to ATVs some sections of state highways in communities in order to connect trails to services.
- To support the ability of 16-17 year old riders who have their DNR certification to ride with a passenger, when riding with parents and having a drivers license.
- To support non-profit ATV clubs receive a sales tax exemption on all equipment and attachments as an allowable cost in the GIA manual.

**Resolutions discussed and voted on as thirdly priorities:**

- To support removing the Ag Zone Restriction, which currently restricts the ability to operate in the ditches in the southern part of the State until after August 1.
- To support providing for a reduction in the ATV registration fee for those who belong to an ATV club.
- To support an opt-in option to receive information about ATV MN when registering ATVs.



A few other resolutions presented by ATV clubs were discussed and tabled at that time because they were issues related to DNR policy and did not require action at the Legislative level.

Upon adjournment of the Legislative Summit, the current and new priority resolutions will be reviewed by the Executive Board and, upon approval, will then be in the hands of ATV MN lobbyists Ray Bohn and Tom Hackbarth, who will move them forward at the State Capitol. The bills require sponsors within the Legislature, and go through many steps in the hope of becoming law.



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We're proud to announce that Bronco ATV/UTV, manufacturer of quality ATV components available through ATV dealers and major parts distributors, signed up as a Silver Sponsor, and is the first ATV Minnesota Corporate Sponsor.

The new Corporate Sponsorship Program offers ATV manufacturers, aftermarket companies, dealers, tourism bureaus, clubs and others a new way to promote their brand, products and services, while supporting ATV MN, its programs and projects that advance ATV recreation in Minnesota. It features four levels to help match sponsor budgets: \$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Each level includes ads in Minnesota Wheelin, logos and links on the ATV MN website, presence at major events, and much more.

To learn more, or direct businesses you know that might be interested in the new program, go to [atvmn.org](http://atvmn.org) and tap on the "Sponsorships" tab to page through the new brochure. To receive printed brochures to pass out to your club's business members, local ATV dealers and ATV-related businesses that may be interested, send an email to the ATV MN Communications Team ([d.halsey@atvmn.org](mailto:d.halsey@atvmn.org)). For more details on our first Silver Sponsor and its products, visit [broncoatv.com](http://broncoatv.com) or ask your ATV dealer.





## Enjoying Fall With Pizza And A Trail Ride

*By Rhonda Silence, CC ATV Club*  
The Cook County ATV Club in Minnesota's Arrowhead celebrated fall with a fabulous Ride and Pizza Party on September 17th. Club members gathered at the South Brule Landing on the Gunflint Trail and traveled about 70 miles over forest roads and trails to Tom Lake in Hovland and back.

Riders enjoyed the fall colors which were brightened by a light mist. Rain was predicted, but hardy Cook County riders donned their rain gear and headed out.

The heavy rain held off and several riders were heard declaring, "No dust!"

At Tom Lake, riders enjoyed a pizza party hosted by club members, Jay and Laura LaFavor. The LaFavors have an outdoor brick pizza oven and provided all the fixings needed for everyone to make their own pizzas. They also shared a S'mores bar, with a delightful assortment of marshmallows and chocolate.



When ATV Club members thanked the LaFavors for their hospitality, Laura LaFavor replied, "We don't get out on the trails for work days or attend meetings, so this is our way to say thank you to the ATV Club for all you do. We love doing this."

And ATVers love taking part in this fall tradition!  
For information about the Cook County ATV Club, you can find the club on Facebook

at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064545195823>



**Reminder:** Before you head out, check out the DNR website for the open/closed status of the State ATV Trails. Most close October 31, November 1 or mid-November. All are closed during firearms deer hunting season, except for use by licensed hunters

during designated hours. Twenty-five will be listed open during winter months, some with restrictions. Full details at:

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

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**May 20, 2023**  
**Ride & Roast / ATV MN**  
**40th Anniversary**  
McQuoid's Inn, Isle, MN

**Sept 22-24, 2023**  
**ATV MN State Convention**  
**/ Ride & Rally**

Host clubs: Quad Cities ATV  
Club, Ranger ATV Club  
Location: Giants Ridge,  
Biwabik



**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 Communications Team: Dave Halsey, Nick Wognum, Jeff Leese, Dean Schliek.



## ATV MINNESOTA *"Your Voice To Ride"*

Dedicated Volunteers  
Building Fun & Sustainable  
ATV Trails For The Riding Public  
(And Bridges, Boardwalks, Kiosks, Parking, Outhouses & More)

**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.

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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 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.
- 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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