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"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

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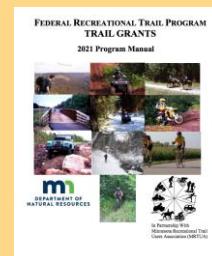
370 new members in 2020 - Welcome!



parking lots were lined with trucks and trailers at some State ATV Trails, including Spider Lake Trails, where 60 ATVs showed up for a ride organized by Minnesota ATV Riders, a nonprofit, Facebook rider group with over 13,000

Cold-Weather Riding Is Hot!
Riding year-round is the New Year's resolution for many riders. On January 2nd,

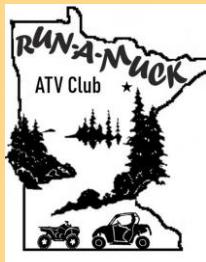
New Year News From DNR



RTP Grant Applications Due Feb 28

Now is the time for ATV clubs and their government funding sponsors to request funding for ATV trails through the Recreational Trail Program (RTP). The application due

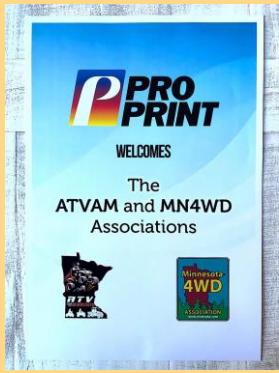
followers. (Top photo: Dean Schliek. Above: Amy Carlson)



New ATVMN Club!

ATV Minnesota welcomes the Run-A-Muck ATV Club, in Pengilly, MN. To learn more about the club and join at its

next meeting, visit the club's Facebook page, or shoot an email to runamuckatv@gmail.com. ATVMN has about 70 member clubs, all listed with contact information at www.atvam.org. Join the club(s) where you live or ride!



We're Rolling Out A New Magazine!

Watch for the special announcement issue of Minnesota Wheelin, the new official publication of

ATVMN and MN4WDA, arriving in your mailbox in a few weeks. The Dec/Jan issue of Minnesota OffRoad is the last one published by MSPN. You're going to like what you see in Minnesota Wheelin, published by Discovery Publishing, a division of Pro Print, a highly respected, award-winning printer in Duluth.

All clubs: Send your news about club rides, special events and topics you'd like to see covered, to Dave Halsey,

date is Feb. 28. The DNR will announce preliminary awards in the summer, with final awards made upon receipt of federal and state appropriations. For details about eligible projects and how to apply for a grant, visit the Recreation Grants page of the DNR website. For more information, contact the grants staff listed online, or the DNR Information Center by email: info.dnr@state.mn.us or phone: 888-646-6367 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday).



ATV Safety Instructor Of The Year Nominations Due January 31

The Minnesota DNR is accepting nominations for the 2020 ATV Safety Instructor of the Year. The nomination period goes to January 31st. Any DNR-certified volunteer ATV safety instructor is eligible to be nominated. DNR asks to consider nominating a volunteer instructor who has promoted ATV safety through extraordinary service in a training and education setting. To complete a nomination form, click this link: <https://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=160260030162>



GIA Forms Now Have Auto-Calculate Feature
New OHV Form 1 (new/existing project proposal) and Form 2 (scope of work/funding details) have been

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Save The Date To "Ride & Roast"

It's back! After being cancelled last year, the Ride & Roast returns May 22nd to McQuoid's Inn at Isle, Minnesota. It starts with a pancake breakfast provided by the Isle Fire Department, followed by guided rides at 10am, with a trail-side box lunch on the Red Top, Foxy Loop and Solana trail systems. The always-tasty hog and turkey roast dinner rounds out the day. All for just \$20 a rider (children 10 and under free). Register at atvam.org. Reserve your room at McQuoid's Inn, 1325 State Hwy 47, Isle MN 320-676-3535. Be sure to ask for the ATVMN ride discount

placed on the GIA web page:
https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/gia_ohv.html

They are fillable, will auto calculate dollar values, can be digitally signed, and comply with state accessibility requirements.

DNR Safety Training Office Has A New Location

In late November, the DNR Safety Training Office -- which houses the staff managing all the safety training programs, as well as instructor safety training packets, OHV reg books, maps and other materials -- moved out of Nelson Hall into a different building at Camp Ripley (Building 2-202). The mailing address hasn't changed.

Save The Date:

ATV Minnesota Vision Conference

March 19 - 21, 2021 – Treasure Island Resort & Casino
-More Details Coming Soon-



Voyageur Country ATV and Superior National Forest Recognized By USFS With Regional Awards

The Voyageur Country ATV club has received two awards from the Eastern Region of the U.S. Forest Service.

Volunteer and Service Award

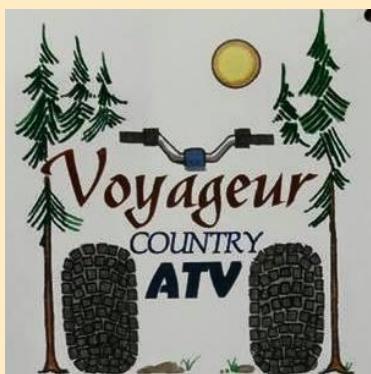
Citizen Stewardship & Partnerships Category

This award is in recognition of recent OHV projects completed on the LaCroix Ranger District in the Superior National Forest, most notably the Vermilion River OHV Bridge and Trails, and Crane Lake to Vermilion Falls OHV Trail and Boardwalk Bridge projects that have been completed.

The award announcement reads, in part:

"Voyageur Country ATV has quickly become a valuable partner with the Superior National Forest for the planning, designing, and construction of Off-Highway Vehicle and All-Terrain Vehicle routes. With over 700 members it is the largest ATV club in the State of Minnesota. The entire club's efforts as volunteers on the National Forest was nominated and recognized."

The Forest Service awards process has two levels, at the region and nationally. It begins with nominations and recipients in each region and then it narrows down for the national level. The Superior National Forest is in the Eastern Region (Region 9), which includes National Forests in 13 states from Minnesota to Missouri and east to New Hampshire and West Virginia. Awards at the regional level are competitive and a worthy recognition.



2020 R9 Regional Forester Honor Awards

(Strategic Goal 4 – Facilitate rural prosperity and economic development category) Honorable Mention goes to: Bruce Beste/Steve Koch/Gretchen Janssen/Mark Weber/Eric Fallstrom/Brad Dekkers/Tim Engrav

The Forest Leadership Team and a representative group of club members, St. Louis County, Minnesota DNR, and Tim Engrav were nominated, to specifically recognize their collaborative efforts to successfully accomplish the Vermilion River OHV Bridge project and the Crane Lake to Vermilion Falls OHV Trail enhancement project.

In a letter to Voyageur Country ATV, Tim Engrav, Assistant Ranger, Recreation/Wilderness Trails, LaCroix and Laurentian Ranger Districts, said: *"Congratulations! Thank you for your continued cooperation and efforts to provide top quality OHV riding opportunities across the landscape on federal, state, and county lands in northeastern Minnesota. The Forest Service appreciates it and it is has been appropriately recognized at the Forest Service Eastern Regional Office level."* Awards presentations are pending, due to current COVID restrictions.



HOW TO ADVERTISE IN MINNESOTA WHEELIN

ATV Minnesota is reaching out to ATV manufacturers, dealers, aftermarket companies, tourism bureaus, resorts, campgrounds and other ATV-related businesses large and small, inviting them to advertise in Minnesota Wheelin, the new official publication of ATVMN and MN4WDA. The December issue of Minnesota OffRoad is the last one being published by MSPN. We are dialing up the action and content in our new magazine.

The Jan/Feb announcement issue is scheduled to be mailed out in just a few weeks. To learn more about advertising in Minnesota Wheelin, request the media kit and rate card, or to place an ad schedule, contact Creston Dorothy, owner of Discovery Publishing, a division of Pro Print, a highly respected and award-winning printer in Duluth. (phone: 218-722-9805, email: cdorothy@proprintus.com). The deadline for the first issue is January 19th. ATVMN Business Members get a 10% discount on their ads, and another 10% discount for a 6-issue ad schedule. Reach ATV clubs and

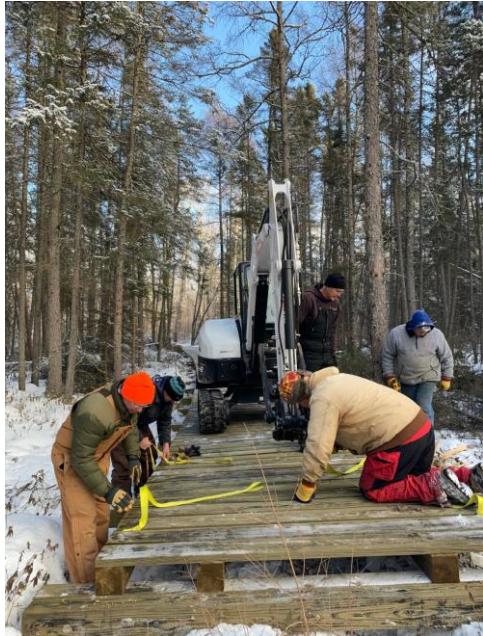
their members across the state AND support ATVMN by advertising in Minnesota Wheelin. Thanks to all the Business Members of ATV Minnesota for your support!



Ready for some winter riding?

See the new 9-page booklet titled "Winter Riding Opportunities in Minnesota" on the ATVMN website: atvm.org. Written and distributed free by ATVMN.
(Graphics by Dean Schliek)





ATV MINNESOTA *"Your Voice To Ride"*

**Dedicated Volunteers
Building Fun & Sustainable
ATV Trails
For The Riding Public**

**Invite friends and family to join
today!**

See the mailing label on your ATV Minnesota magazine for the renewal date of your membership. Be sure to include your email address on the renewal form to receive newsletters. And send renewals to ATVMN's mailing address: 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 bumper sticker
- Invitation to events, including our Legislative Summit and Vision Meeting in the spring, and the ATV Minnesota 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, address, phone number, email address and website listed in Minnesota Wheelin magazine and on the ATV Minnesota website
- Discounts on advertising in Minnesota Wheelin
- An official ATV Minnesota membership certificate for display in your business

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