



**ATV Minnesota**  
*"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"*  
**June 24, 2021**  
**Newsletter**

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*Over 600 new members this year!  
Welcome!*

**Club's Mock Crash  
Emphasizes ATV Safety**



*By Kevin Johnson  
Photos by Pete Grecinger*

On June 5th, 2021, the Goodland Fire Department and Run-A-Muck ATV Club from Pengilly, MN, sponsored a Mock ATV Crash. Kevin Johnson of Pengilly (member of Goodland Fire Department and the club) was responsible for organizing the project. The mock crash took place off of the Goodland Trail at the entrance to Nameless

Lake. While this mock crash was for training purposes for the Goodland Fire Department, it was also meant to bring awareness to the general public and trail riding community of the importance of ATV safety.

With the help and cooperation of several volunteers and the very capable first responders, this exercise was a huge success. Many of the volunteers were members of Run-A-Muck ATV Club and played important roles as crash victims. Even though there was advertisement of the crash, some ATVers rolled up on the

accident without any knowledge that it was only a mock crash and immediately thought it was an authentic crash due to the great acting job of the volunteers, props and the reality of how well the first responders were doing their jobs.



While one volunteer crash victim was injured with a broken arm and hung up in a tree, other volunteer crash victims presented injuries that included head trauma, impalement, heart attack and leg numbness. Some victims needed to be extracted from their side-by-sides. The first responders were quick to assess injuries and stabilize the victims so they could be transported from the scene, all while remaining

calm and maintaining order.

After the mock crash was over there was a small gathering at Kevin Johnson's house for food and refreshments. Everyone did a great job! Congratulations to the Goodland Fire Department and thank you to everyone involved for making this a successful training exercise. Ride safe!

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## 2021 SUMMARY OF FATAL ATV/OHM/ORV ACCIDENTS

June 14, 2021

Number of ATV Class I Fatalities	5
Number of ATV Class II Fatalities	1
Number of Off Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Fatalities	0
Number of Off Highway Vehicle (ORV) Fatalities	0

### 2021 ATV CLASS I FATALITIES SUMMARY

#### 3/18/21 – 11:48 p.m. – Lyon County

50-year-old male died when he swerved to avoid a parked car and was thrown from his ATV and was subsequently struck by a hit and run vehicle.

Type of Terrain – Road right-of-way	Type of Accident – Operator thrown from machine
Alcohol involved – Yes	All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - No

#### 4/10/21 – 2:26 p.m. – Lyon County

20-year-old male died when his ATV struck a tree and rolled end-over-end and struck the box of another ATV while he was attempting to pass the second vehicle.

Type of Terrain – Private unmarked property	Type of Accident – Struck fixed object
Alcohol involved – No	All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - No

#### 4/10/21 – 4:26 p.m. – Hubbard County

38-year-old female died when the ATV possibly made contact with an embankment causing it to overturn and pin her under the machine. There were no witnesses to the accident.

Type of Terrain – Road right-of-way	Type of Accident – Machine rollover
Alcohol involved – No	All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - No

#### 5/10/21 – 4:30 p.m. – Mille Lacs County

21-year-old female died when the ATV she was a passenger on struck a clump of trees.

Type of Terrain – Government marked trail	Type of Accident – Struck fixed object
Alcohol involved – Unknown	All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - No

#### 5/31/21 – 7:00 a.m. – Mille Lacs County

75-year-old male died after he was thrown from his ATV when he entered into a ditch causing the machine to rollover. Speed appears to be a factor.

Type of Terrain – Road right-of-way	Type of Accident – Machine rollover
Alcohol involved – No	All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - No

### 2021 ATV CLASS II FATALITIES SUMMARY

#### 2/27/21 – 9:35 a.m. – Renville County

12-year-old male died from injuries he received when the ATV he was operating struck a field approach and rolled onto its side.

Thanks to Bruce Lawrence, DNR Enforcement, for providing ATV Minnesota with an update on ATV accidents involving fatalities to date this year, during our quarterly meeting with DNR Parks & Trails and other divisions, held on June 23rd. "Speed has been a factor in a lot of accidents this year," said Lawrence. Use this information to reinforce the importance of your club's ATV Safety Classes and community efforts promoting safe, responsible riding.



## Volunteer Shifts Now Open To Promote ATV Safety At The State Fair

*A message from the DNR to all ATV Minnesota clubs and their Trail Ambassadors & Safety Instructors.*

Hello Everyone,  
We are moving forward with the State Fair and it's coming fast. Unfortunately we do not have the normal amount of

time to plan, and your involvement is key to a successful return to the Fair. Please take a look at the Volunteer Shifts to sign up and help in the ATV booth at the DNR Building, at this link:

[https://doodle.com/poll/9pu3kwy7nu8dm4ds?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/9pu3kwy7nu8dm4ds?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

Vaccinated employees, contractors, vendors, volunteers and interns are currently no longer required to wear face coverings when inside state facilities and vehicles or when working outside and unable to maintain six feet of social distance from others. Unvaccinated employees, contractors, vendors, volunteers and interns must continue to wear face coverings when inside state facilities and vehicles or when working outside and unable to maintain six feet of social distance from others. We continue to encourage DNR employees and volunteers who are not vaccinated to consider getting vaccinated. Vaccines are widely available at pharmacies and other locations throughout the state; you can also visit VaccineConnector.mn.gov to find an opportunity near you.

These requirements are subject to change as the COVID health situation changes in Minnesota. DNR leadership will communicate staff and volunteer changes as needed.

I will be following up with a volunteer packet that provides training and background check information, as well as to get everyone's addresses for mailing tickets.

*Katrina Gonzales*

*Off-Highway Vehicle Specialist | Division of Parks and Trails*

*Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*

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***The Minnesota DNR will announce the ATV Instructor Of The Year on June 28th.***

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**Small Grants Available From Iron Range Tourism**

Iron Range Tourism received a \$50,000 grant from the IRR Regional Trails Grant fund to support trail projects in northern Minnesota that don't qualify for other grants, or are a smaller amount (under \$10k).

The Trails Task Force is administering the grants. If you are interested or have questions, call or email Beth Pierce, executive director:

Cell/Office: 218-749-8161  
[beth@ironrange.org](mailto:beth@ironrange.org)

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**June 30 Is Deadline For Nominations To The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Annual Achievement Awards**

The CRT, representing the nation's top leading trail-related organizations, is still accepting nominations for the 2021 Tom Petri Annual Achievement Awards

**Save The Dates!**

Details for events below are on club websites or Facebook pages.

Send us your club rides and events to be listed here.

**June 26 - White Pine Riders**

**- 12th Annual Fun Run & Raffle**, Denham Run Bar & Grill, Sturgeon Lake. See Facebook page for details.

**June 26 - Washington Ramsey County Wheelers -**

Club ride, Nemadji State Forest, 9 am sand pit parking lot. Details and RSVP - email Mike Harris: [sportsman500@comcast.net](mailto:sportsman500@comcast.net).

**July 10 - Woodtick Wheelers**

Club Ride on Bigfork to Balsam Trail. See Facebook page for details.

**July 22-25 - South Metro**

**ATV Club** Ride in the Paul Bunyan State Forest. Details at club website.

**September 17-19 - ATV Minnesota State**

recognizing outstanding trail projects funded by the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), administered jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and state trails programs.

Award winners will be selected from projects nominated by public agencies, trail administrators, or other project sponsors. Projects must be completed in order to receive an award. In addition, projects completed before 2012 are ineligible. We invite you to nominate an outstanding project and to encourage the sponsor(s) of an excellent project in your state to submit a nomination as well. We are also again encouraging those making nominations to solicit support from their Members of Congress to build awareness of excellent RTP-funded projects and the RTP program itself. Nomination form is at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/2104855476>

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**Apply by June 30, 2021!**

**Convention.** This year our "Ride & Rally" returns to the Ely area with a fun 3-day schedule, guided rides, our banquet, raffles and the ATV Big Air Tour. It's hosted again this year by the Prospector ATV Club. Details, sponsorship opportunities, and registration now open at [atvam.org](http://atvam.org).



## Where Are You Riding This Year?

We are looking for "destination" articles for our new Minnesota Wheelin magazine. If you'd like to write a short article about your travels in Minnesota or anywhere in the country, let us know. Shoot an email to our magazine editor Dave Halsey: [d.halsey@atvam.org](mailto:d.halsey@atvam.org)



## ATV Fun Run Benefits Veterans Relief Fund

*By Loren Arveson, ATVMN NW Regional Director*

*Photo by Hagen Aerial Photography*

On Saturday, June 19th the Williams, MN, Youth Recreation Association sponsored a Veterans ATV Fun Run. This was in Beltrami Island State Forest using ATV GIA trails & State Forest roads. The ride was 40 miles long. Starting point was Bemis Hill to Winner Silo, and then to Penturen Church for lunch. Then back to Bemis Hill. There were 70 machines and 148 people. All proceeds will be donated to Lake of the Woods & Roseau Counties Veterans Relief Funds. Great group of people, much fun for all. Very dry and dusty, however for a great cause.

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**WANTED:  
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP  
AT THE ERX OFF-ROAD NATIONAL  
JULY 5-11**

*(Bring a non-member with you to help  
and they get a free ATV Minnesota membership)*

Thanks to all the members of ATV Minnesota who worked one or more shifts at the High Lifter OffRoad Rally in early June at ERX Motor Park. They worked 495 hours, helping make the event a huge success and raise funds for ATVMN.

**Next up is high-octane off-road racing at:**

**THE ERX OFF-ROAD NATIONAL  
Race days: July 9-10, 2021**

***This is a fun weekend and a fund-raiser for ATVMN.***

**Sign up for a 6 or 8-hour shift and you get:**

FREE Entrance (\$45 Value) - And bring your ATV to get around!

FREE Camping - One night per shift worked (\$60+ Value)

FREE Meal during your shift

FREE T-shirt designating you as a volunteer

*(6 and 8-hour shifts available Monday July 5 to Sunday July 11)*

**Want to bring a friend to work with but they're not an  
ATV Minnesota member? No problem.**

Have them sign up for a 6 or 8-hour shift with you.

They also get all of the above plus:

**Free ATV Minnesota membership**

(\$20 first-year dues paid at the event)

Includes: Subscription to new *Minnesota Wheelin* magazine

ATV Minnesota twice-monthly newsletter

And more!

*(Free membership good for new members only, not membership renewals)*

**SIGNUP DETAILS AND TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE AT [ATVAM.ORG](http://ATVAM.ORG)!**

This is a family-friendly event complete with a vendor area, Kidz Zone, food trucks, camping, music, beer tents & more!

See the ERX Off-Road National website for more information, at [erxmotorpark.com](http://erxmotorpark.com)

***Thanks to everyone who has worked at ERX at past events, helping us raise funds for ATV Minnesota projects!***

***And thanks to everyone who signs up for this fun weekend and ATV Minnesota fundraiser!***

***Please forward this invitation to friends and family who might be interested in helping at the event and getting a free ATVMN membership.***

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**From the ATV MN Communications Team:**

-Send your comments, club news, photos and article ideas to: d.halsey@atvam.org

-Forward this email newsletter to club partners and business sponsors if they aren't ATVMN members already.

***-All members should receive this newsletter and Minnesota Wheelin magazine. Let us know if you're not. Please note: ATVAM is also referred to as ATV Minnesota.***

-Send member renewals to: ATVAM, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079.

E-newsletters are now archived on [atvam.org](http://atvam.org) to refer back to on topics.

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**ATVAM**



## **RIDE & RALLY**

**Annual Convention**

**Sept 17 - 19, 2021**

**Hosted by Prospector ATV Club**

### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

This year's ATVAM Ride & Rally will be our biggest ever! Hundreds of riders from across the state will be attending, as well as many elected officials, public land managers and DNR staff and COs. **We invite your business to sponsor this great 3-day event:**

**BRONZE SPONSOR: \$250**

**SILVER SPONSOR: \$500**

**GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,000**

All sponsors will be highlighted and recognized throughout Ride & Rally, on printed material and posters at event locations. If you have a company poster, banner or flag, we will display that for you as well.

Please pay online at [atvam.org](http://atvam.org) or mail a check by September 1, 2021, so we have time to add your business name or logo to all materials.

Mail check to: ATVAM, P.O. Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079

Email logo to: [logo@atvam.org](mailto:logo@atvam.org) ATVAM is a 501(c) 4 non-profit organization.

ATVAM, its executive board and 80 member clubs work hard year-round to:

-Promote safe, responsible ATV riding. -Advance legislation to fund public ATV trails. -Partner with the Minnesota DNR to spend the dedicated ATV Fund wisely. -Provide ATV clubs with the "tools" to build trails that are fun and sustainable.

### **Thanks For Supporting the ATVAM Annual Convention!**

Questions? Email ATVAM at [atvamoffice@atvam.org](mailto:atvamoffice@atvam.org). Or call 800-442-8826

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 in winter, Vision Meeting and Ride & Roast in the spring, and State Convention "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:

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

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

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

See the mailing label on your Minnesota Wheelin 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

- Your business name and contact information listed in Minnesota Wheelin magazine and on the ATV Minnesota website
- Discounts on advertising in Minnesota Wheelin
- Opportunities to reach more customers by sponsoring or donating to our events
- An official ATV Minnesota membership certificate for display in your business

To join, contact **ATVAM** or call (800) 442-8826.

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