

246 New Members This Year...Welcome!

ATVAM Newsletter - September 24, 2020

Newsletter of the ATV Association of Minnesota (Est. 1983)

"Your Voice for ATV Recreation In Minnesota"

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

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***Over 300 Members Find
Peak Fun & Fall Colors
At The 2020 ATV Minnesota***

State Convention



After

many months on the throttle, then braking hard for COVID, changing direction, and jumping over obstacles and requirements for safety and social distancing, the Prospector ATV Club and ATV Minnesota were successful in putting on an outstanding 2020 State Convention for their members.

The 3-day event was big on Ride and smaller than usual on Rally. But when the weekend arrived, over 320 members showed up and were treated to peaks of both fun and fall colors.

Watch for a full report in the next issue of the Minnesota OffRoad magazine. Here are just a few of the highlights from this year's gathering:



Friday
VIP

Ride: Roughly 180 riders came to the Timber Hall in Embarrass, enjoyed a pancake breakfast, then rode on new Prospector trail and bridges for 23 miles to Tower, where they were treated to a hot lunch on the shore of Lake Vermilion. A half dozen county, state and federal elected officials spoke to the group about the importance of motorized recreation and the economic impact it brings to the area. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in Ely for a new trailhead.





Congressman Pete Stauber



State Senator Tom Bakk



State Rep. Rob Ecklund



House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new trailhead in Ely

Saturday Trail Rides: Over 320 ATV Minnesota members took to the trails in the Ely/Tower/Embarrass/Babbitt area. Some rides were more dusty than others. But the sun was shining and the fall colors were at their peak.



General Membership Meeting: Held outdoors at the Longbranch Event Center in Winton, just east of Ely, the meeting included the passing of the granite trophy from the Voyageur Country ATV club (last year's host) to the Prospector ATV Club. Lobbyist Tom HackbARTH gave a Legislative update. New gear was sold. Raffle winners named. And a bonfire rounded out the evening.



Sunday Board Meeting: The executive board and other board members met for a few hours to review the Ride & Rally, start planning for next year, and discuss a wide range of trail projects and future events and proposals.



Thanks to Warren Johnson, Steve Groteboer and all the great ride leaders!

Thank You! To all the clubs, businesses and organizations that sponsored the event. All the ATV Minnesota members who attended. The many legislators, local agency and Minnesota DNR people who rode or assisted on the rides. The many great ride leaders and sweepers. Everyone who donated cash and auction items, and those who bid on the eBay auction to help raise funds. And most of all, thanks to the Prospector ATV Club for putting in long hours building new trails for all of us to ride on, hosting and organizing this year's Ride & Rally under difficult circumstances, and agreeing to host it again next year so they can showcase even more new trails and include the always-fun banquet, live auction and other events that had to be cancelled this year.

Thanks to the following who provided photos for this article: Heather Ann Larson, Rebecca Santeramo, Jet Newt and Lynn Keillor (MSPN).



ATVAM Realigns Organization From 6 to 4 Regions

(Clearing the way to better partner with DNR)

Please read the letter below from Perry May, ATVAM Director At Large, with important news about a change in the alignment of ATVAM Regions. It has been sent to the Executive Board, all ATVAM Regional Directors, our lobbyists, and the board members with clubs across the state who are invited to attend the monthly board conference call (primarily club presidents), and now here in the newsletter to ensure this news reaches all ATVAM members and member ATV clubs.



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September 22, 2020

Dear ATV Minnesota Regional Directors and Executive Board Members,

I am writing you today to inform you of a change regarding our ATV MN regional organization. On Sunday September 20, 2020, during the ATVAM Board of Directors meeting, a motion was made and approved to reduce our state regions from the current six regions, to four regions. Combined with this reduction, it was also voted on to eliminate the regional numbering and name the regions according to geographic location.

As of today, MN ATV now has four regions, which are named Northwest, Northeast, Central, and Southern. These new regional boundaries match the current MN DNR administrative boundaries. I have attached a presentation which includes a map of the new regions.

As Director At Large, I recommended this change to the ATV MN Board of Directors. The top benefits for making this change are:

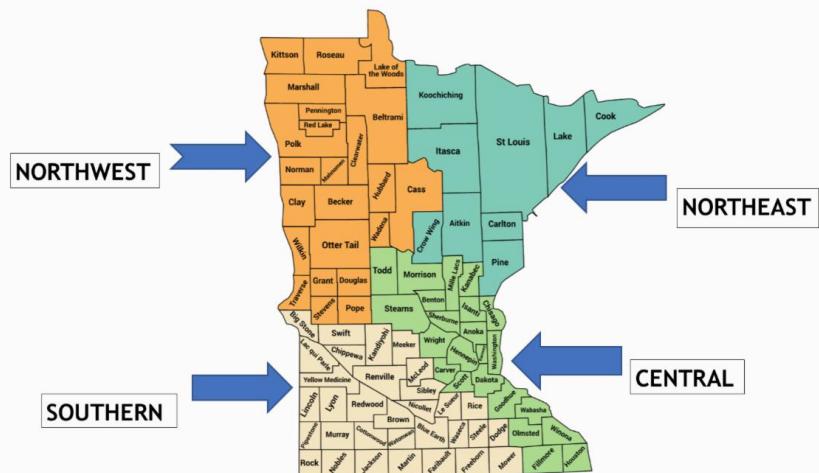
- Aligns ATV MN with the MN DNR Administrative Regions
- Aligns Clubs with the correct MN DNR Acquisition & Development (A&D) Specialist to help develop new trails
- Aligns Clubs with the proposed Regional Trail Master Plan Development
- Provides better alignment of potential members to Regional Clubs
- Allows ATV MN to help set and communicate regional trail priorities to MN DNR
- Provides better Director coverage to regions without representation
- Engages previous Region 6 Directors with more clubs and trail development

A negative for making this change is the large geographic boundaries for each region, and the change of scope and club representation for seven of the eighteen Directors, including Dave Halsey, Darrel Palmer, Ken Irish, Steve Ashbaugh, Brad VanderVegt, Josh Boeckman, and Scott Peterson. I wanted to present this recommended change at the Vision Conference in March, which was cancelled, and would have included a more thorough discussion for the change. I believe this is a good change for ATV MN, our Clubs, our Directors, and our Members. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Moving forward we have much to do, to improve each of our regions, but I am confident in our vision forward.

Best Regards,

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All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota
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NEW ATV MN Regions



ATV MN Regional Directors

As of 9/20/2020

NORTHWEST

Dave Halsey
Luke Balstad
Loren Arveson

NORTHEAST

Bruce Beste
Tom Baumchen
Harlan Kingsley
Darrel Palmer

Steve Koch
Jeff Leese
Greg Jones
Ken Irish

SOUTHERN

Scott Peterson
Josh Boeckman
Ken Irish

CENTRAL

Brad Vandervegt
Mike Halvorson

Steve Ashbaugh
Jay Peterson

Ride & Rally Election Results
Re-elected To
The ATV Minnesota
Executive Board Are:



Ron Potter, President



Nick Wognum Secretary



Dave Clevenger, 1st VP

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with sizes and colors still available. It's easy to pay online and we'll ship your order right away. Start by tapping the "Clothing" tab on atvam.org.

...And Buy New Gear Coming Soon To The ATV Minnesota Website

Fall is a great time to ride. And just in time is a full line of new riding gear from ATV Minnesota. Shown here is a sample of what's coming. All the new gear was on display and available at the ATVAM State Convention (Ride & Rally) in Ely on September 18-20. It will also be available soon on the ATVAM website: atvam.org





ATVAM & ATV Club Events Coming Up

Send your club schedule for rides/work days to: d.halsey@atvam.org .
Many ATVAM members do not belong to an ATV club and are looking for one to join, ride with and help build trails.

-Next Monthly ATVAM Statewide Board Meeting - October 20, 6:30pm conference call. All ATVAM clubs are sent an email invitation to call in, and have one spot on the board to participate and vote.

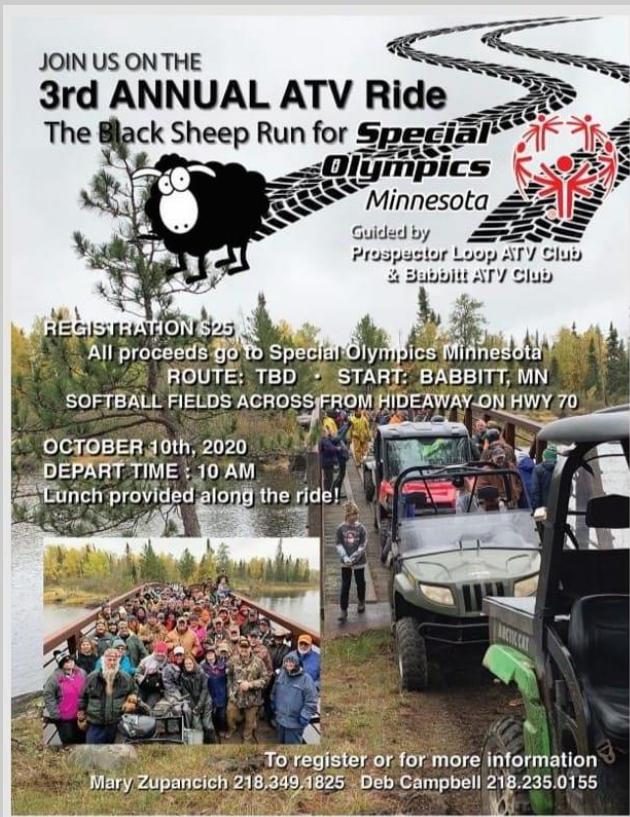
Northwest Region Club Rides & Work Days:

Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club

September 26 - Club Ride at UPM Blandin Trail.

Meet at 9 am at the parking area - 7.5 miles north of Hill City on 169 then east on Smith Dr. Ride to Hill City for lunch.
Details at www.woodtickwheelers.com

Northeast Region: Prospector and Babbitt ATV Clubs

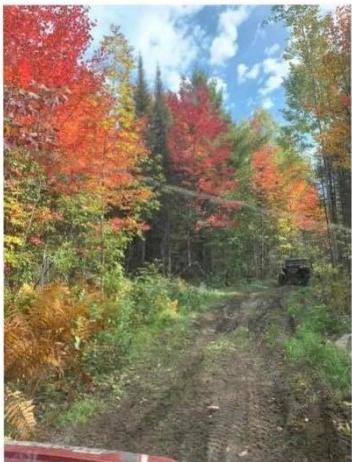


Prospector ATV Club

October 3 - Club Ride, leaving from Whiteside Park @ 9am, travel to Mattila Shelter, then back to Silver Rapids Lodge for lunch.

Voyageur Country ATV

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FALL CLUB RIDE

Guided group rides leaving at 10:00 AM from: Voyagaire,

Trails End, Echo Trail Tavern, VRT, Melgeorge's & The Landing

***Pack your own lunch or plan on purchasing something from one of the establishments.**

- All rides will go to the Vermillion Bridge where ATV store will be set up. Please come and support our club.
- Fall colors are in prime viewing!
- Forecast is looking good, 67 degrees and partly sunny!

Central Lakes ATV Club

September 26 - Club ride at Red Top ATV Trail, 10 am

October 24 - Club ride from Spider Lake to Hackensack, 10 am

Details at club's Facebook page.

Over The Hills Gang ATV Club



The Emily Log Cabin Bar and The Over the Hills Gang ATV Club
invite you to:

AUTUMN LOG-N-RIDE

When October 3, 2020

Where: Log Cabin Bar, Emily MN

Time: 10am to 5pm

- Guided ATV Rides enjoying the Peak Fall Colors
- Food Truck serving BBQ entrées
- Pork N Ride Raffle (rescheduled from June 6, 2020) beginning at 5pm
- Trailer parking available at Emily /Outing ATV Trail Parking Area next to Sweets N Such and on east and south side of City Park.



Post your ATV Ride Pictures and Fall Colors on the Log Cabin Bar or Over the Hills Gang ATV Club Facebook Page. Additional event details on www.overthehillsgang.org



Central Region:

South Metro ATV Club

October 1-5, Black Hills trip

See club website for updates on ride status: www.southmetroatv.com

Southern Region:

Please submit for next newsletter.



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As a family or individual member for just \$20 you receive:

- A subscription to *Minnesota OffRoad* 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 ATVAM Fall Ride & Rally, 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

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