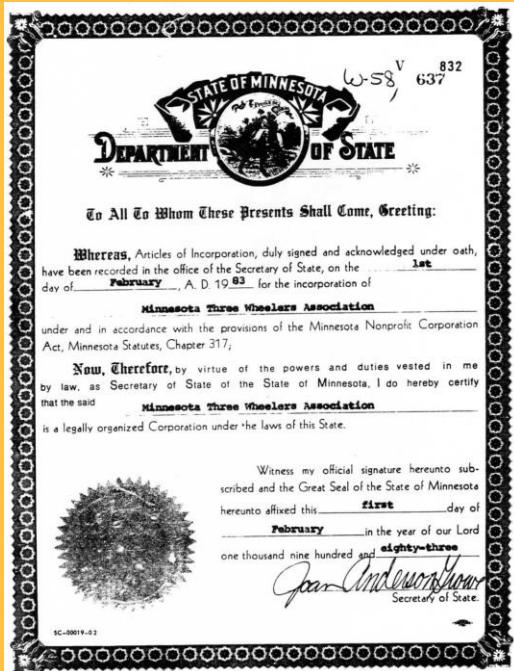




**ATV Minnesota**  
*"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"*  
**February 22, 2023**  
**Newsletter**  
**1500 New Members In Past 2 Years**  
**Welcome...LET'S RIDE!**



## Celebrating The 40th Anniversary Of ATV Minnesota (It all started February 1, 1983)



### ATV MN Began As The Minnesota Three Wheelers Association

In 1983, three-wheelers were king. The very first quads were just being introduced by Suzuki, Honda and right behind them Polaris and Yamaha.

A group of off-road riders organized the Minnesota Three Wheelers Association, creating Articles of Incorporation, and on February 1st being officially recognized by the State of Minnesota as a non-profit created "to promote use and provide use areas."

On May 2, 1987, the name was officially changed to All Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota.

Today, that is still the official Association name. ATV Minnesota (our

primary name used in finances and communications) has over 12,000 individual, family and business members. Its 70 ATV member clubs and their dedicated members maintain the majority of the over 80 State Trails and are

building more -- using proven best practices to ensure they are fun, safe, and economically and environmentally sustainable. Together with the clubs, the ATV MN board works at the local and state level to protect access to public lands for motorized recreation, improve regulations, obtain funding, and promote safe, responsible use of ATVs.

**Coming soon: 40th Anniversary Shirts!**

**Watch for more on ATV Minnesota's 40-year history of accomplishments, challenges, and off-road fun in future newsletters and in our Minnesota Wheelin magazine.**

*Below: Twenty years ago the ATVAM publication was a newspaper, followed by Minnesota OffRoad magazine, and Minnesota Wheelin magazine, introduced in January of 2020 and published by our great partners at Discovery Publishing, a division of Pro Print, Duluth.*



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**Two Very Important Meetings Coming Up**  
**Please have one or more representatives**  
**from your ATV Club attend.**



***Help Build On The Future!***  
**ATV MN 'Day At The Capitol'**  
**A Reception for State Legislators**

**March 8, 4:30 to 8:00 pm**  
**Capitol Ridge Event Center, St. Paul**

*(Please Register Now. We'll invite your state legislators to attend, and provide a few talking points for you to share with them, about ATV MN and our role helping clubs build fun, sustainable trails and promote safe, responsible ATV riding.)*

**We especially need ATV Minnesota members from the 7-county Metro area to attend.**

ATV Minnesota, its board, members and ATV member clubs from across the state will gather in person for the ATV MN 'Day At The Capitol.' We will be holding a reception, meeting with our State Senators and Representatives, to advocate on behalf of ATV recreation.

**ATV MN members and member clubs are encouraged to invite their Legislators**, as constituents, to this important event, to be held March 8, from 4:30 to 8:00 pm, at the Capitol Ridge Event Center, 161 St, Anthony Ave., St. Paul. It's just 1 block from the State Capitol which makes it convenient for Legislators to stop by and visit with their constituents who belong to ATV clubs.

**Don't know who your Legislators are?** Tap this link and type in your zip code to find out the names of your State Senator and Representative:

<https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/>

For those who would like hotel accommodations, a 15% room discount has been offered to ATV MN members. Parking will be available. The room is reserved from 4:30 to 8:00 pm, please arrive early.

**If you plan to attend, please register at this**

**link:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG8J9usOo8Tz87iBn37pt4atlPpzQJJThcHMNhO7irC\\_6icA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG8J9usOo8Tz87iBn37pt4atlPpzQJJThcHMNhO7irC_6icA/viewform)

**Please Register Early!**

**ATV MN Vision Conference**

**March 4, 8 am to 5 pm**

*(note date change from earlier announcement)*

**Running Aces Casino/Hotel**

15201 Running Aces Blvd, Columbus, MN

55025 651-925-4600



**What Is Your Vision For ATV**

**Recreation In Minnesota?** This fun

gathering of ATV clubs from across the state is always well attended. At the annual Vision Conference, the ATV Minnesota Executive Board, Regional Directors and ATV clubs discuss a wide range of topics, with one goal: creating a clear Vision for ATV MN, and the Action Items needed to move it and its 70 member clubs forward, and advance our state's awesome ATV trail system. It's also your chance to buy new ATV MN gear, reappoint or elect new Regional Directors...and more.

Event registration is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast, and refreshments at breaks. On your own for lunch during a 1-hour break. Please register early so we can plan for in-person attendance. The Zoom option to attend is \$5. Either way, please register early for the Vision Conference at this link: <https://membership.atvmn.org/vision/>

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**Have You Ridden  
The Polar Bear Ride?  
(From the Northern  
Traxx ATV Club)**

The Northern Traxx ATV Club Winter Polar Bear Days Ride is in Chisholm, Minnesota, on February 25th, 2023, heading out to the trails at 11:00AM! The ride is open to

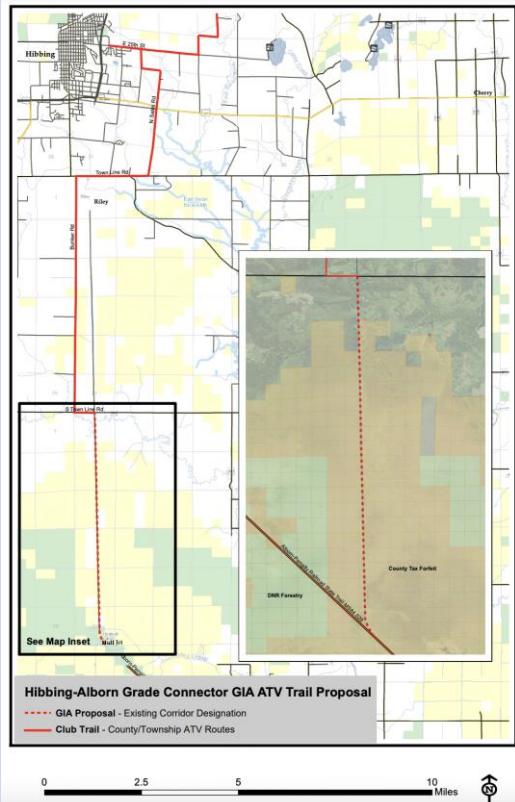


everyone, you do not have to be a NTXX member. It's always a thrilling and exciting adventure! Riding through deep snow and remote wilderness forests with hundreds of ATVs is sure to be an unforgettable experience.

Kicking off at 9:00am with breakfast specials at Jim's Sports Club on Lake Street is the perfect way to fuel up before hitting the trails. The first pit stop is at The Highway 5 Bar on the Chisholm ATV trail, it's the perfect place to take a break and hang out with other riders. The free lunch of Polish and Chips at the Chisholm Sportsmen's Club Shelter about 2pm, along with a bonfire, will provide a warm and cozy place in the middle of the woods to take a break and enjoy some great food.

And finally, the ride concludes North towards Side Lake or back to Chisholm with a party at Jim's Annual Luau, complete with food and entertainment. This sounds like the perfect way to end a day filled with adventure and excitement.

Overall, the Northern Traxx ATV Club Winter Polar Bear Days Ride promises to be a fun and exciting event that ATV enthusiasts will not want to miss!



in-Aid ATV trail currently open for public use. The proposed trail would follow 12.2 miles of public roads currently open for ATV use and 5.8 miles of abandoned railroad grade. The trail would be maintained by the Northern Traxx ATV Club.

The DNR will accept written comments on the proposal until 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 20. Comments may be submitted:

- Via email to [brad.dekkers@state.mn.us](mailto:brad.dekkers@state.mn.us)
- Via mail to Brad Dekkers, Assistant area supervisor, Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota DNR, 650 Highway 169, Tower, MN 55790.

A map of the proposed trail segments is shown, and can be found at the [project page on the DNR website \(mndnr.gov/input/mgmtplans/ohv/plans/hibbing-alborn-atv-trail.html\)](http://mndnr.gov/input/mgmtplans/ohv/plans/hibbing-alborn-atv-trail.html).

For more information, call Brad Dekkers at 218-300-7843.

## DNR Seeks Input On Hibbing To Alborn ATV Trail Proposal

*(There is strength in numbers. Please send your positive comments today.)*

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites public review and written comments on a proposal by the city of Chisholm and the Northern Traxx All-Terrain Vehicle Club to obtain Grant-in-Aid funding for an all-terrain vehicle trail connection between the city of Hibbing and the Alborn-Pengilly Railroad Trail in Lavell Township.

Minnesota's Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Assistance Program — popularly known as Grant-in-Aid — is a cost-share program that facilitates development and maintenance of OHV trails, including ATV trails, at the initiative of enthusiast groups or clubs, with the support and participation of local government sponsors.

The proposed new trail, known as the Hibbing to Alborn ATV Trail, would provide an 18-mile connection between Hibbing and the Alborn-Pengilly Railroad Trail, a Grant-

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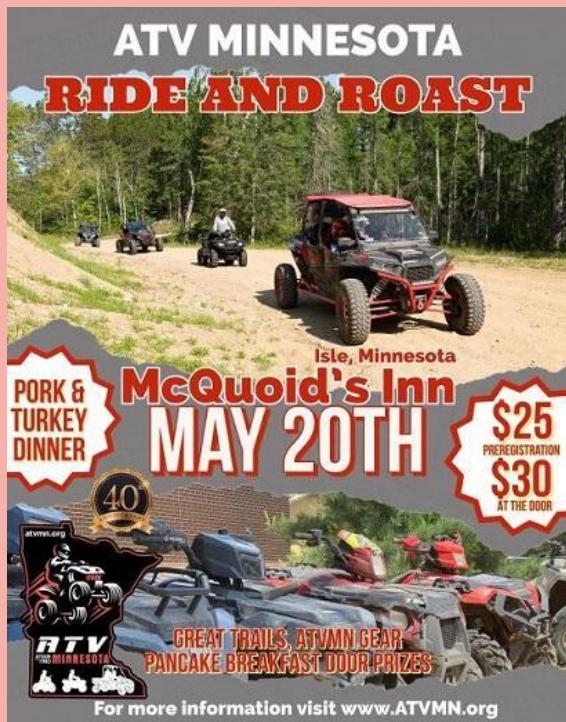


pm on February 23rd. Go to [govdeals.com](http://govdeals.com) and search for "hardwood mats" or tap on this link:

<https://www.govdeals.com/index.cfm?fa=Main.Item&itemid=80&acctid=21141>

## Hardwood Mats Available At Auction (ends Feb 23)

Looking for construction materials for bridges and wet segments of your club's trail? GovDeals, an online marketplace for the sale of surplus assets to the public, has hardwood mats listed at auction. Check it out but hurry, the auction ends at 5:43



## Registration Is Now Open For The 2023 ATV MN Ride & Roast, May 20th, Isle

Last year, over 300 riders attended this great event, which includes a pancake breakfast, guided rides with trail lunch, and a fun dinner banquet. Registration is now open. And McQuoid's Inn is taking reservations for lodging and campsites.

The planning team is busy organizing the event, including a Friday evening welcome party with appetizers. Keep an eye on the ATV MN newsletter, website and Facebook page for updates. (Flyer by Dean Schliek, ATV MN comm team) Register your ride group today at this link:

<https://membership.atvmn.org/rideroast/>



## 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. *Photo: Northern Traxx ATV Club's 2021 Polar Bear Ride, Chisholm, MN*

**MINNESOTA  
WINTER TRAILS**

**ALVWOOD - SQUAW LAKE**  
**APPLETON OHV PARK**  
**BEMIS HILL TRAIL**  
**CHENGWATANA ST. FOREST**  
**CHISHOLM TRAIL**  
**EAST RANGE TRAIL**  
**FOND DU LAC ST. FOREST**  
**GANDY DANCER**  
**GENERAL CC ANDREWS**  
**GENDA TRAIL**

**IRON RANGE OHV REC AREA**  
**MATTHEW LOUREY TRAIL**  
**MOOSE RIVER TRAIL**  
**NEMADJI ST. FOREST**  
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**! BE SURE TO ALWAYS CHECK THE  
MINNESOTA DNR WEBSITE FOR CLOSURES.**

**RTV**



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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.

*(Graphics by Dean Schliek. Log photo from Finland Snowmobile/ATV Club FB page)*



**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.

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- Discounts on advertising in Minnesota Wheelin. For details, send an email to Creston Dorothy at Pro Print in Duluth: [cdorothy@propriintus.com](mailto:cdorothy@propriintus.com)
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