



ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

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Newsletter



Registration Now Open For:
Ride & Roast May 21st
Ride & Rally September 16-18

***Some lodging is starting to fill up.
Contact your ride group and register today.***

Event details, daily schedules, guided-ride options, camping & lodging lists, sponsorship opportunities ... and did we mention food! food! food!
It's all lined up and registration is open at ATVMN.org.

"Salute To ATV Clubs" Video Planned For Ride & Rally. You Can Help!



(From a letter sent last month to leaders of all ATV MN member clubs)

Happy New Year!

Thanks to all the ATV Minnesota members and member clubs that attended last year's State

Convention ("Ride & Rally") in Ely, and those that sponsored or donated to it. We are now planning the 2022 Ride & Rally, September 16-18 in Fifty Lakes. There will be many new features. One of them is a video on Friday evening, September 16th, following the general membership meeting. It will be a "Salute to ATV MN Clubs," thanking our member clubs for all they do across Minnesota.



club rides, safety training, trail construction and maintenance, fundraising, Trail Ambassador program, community events, charity rides and other programs. We want to include as much of this information as possible in the video.



Our goal is to have registration open by mid-February (It is now open!), and we will continue to provide more details on the Ride & Rally event page, found at atvmn.org under events.

When you are ready to send your information, please email or call Blake Bogdanovich at the contact information below. Blake will give you the details on how to easily upload your information to a Drop Box. Blake's email: atvmnmedia@icloud.com phone: 323-422-2000.

For this short-story video to be interesting and fun, I need your help. I am asking each club to gather and send us information — including club brochures, logos, pictures, videos, interviews, etc. — that tell the story of your club, its

We have hired Blake Bogdanovich, a professional cinematographer and ATV MN member, to help create this short story. To have your club information included, we need to receive it by July 15, 2022. **You can start sending your club's images and videos now, from 2021 and earlier.** The sooner the better to avoid a flood of information at the last minute. **Please coordinate your submissions with your club leader to avoid duplication.**



Thank you for helping us make the Ride & Rally short-story video a true salute to all our great ATV Minnesota clubs!

Regards,

Perry May, ATV MN State Director

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ATV MN Regional Club Meetings Coming Up

Northwest Clubs Region Meeting - by conference call

Date: March 10, 2022

Time: 6:30 - 8 pm

Call 605-468-8821, Access Code 731394#

Northeast Clubs Region Meeting

Date: March 26, 2022

Time: 9-11am (Kitchen opens at 11am)

Location: Sawmill Saloon & Restaurant, 5478

Mountain Iron drive, Virginia, MN

Call-In: 605-468-8821, Access Code 731394#

Central Clubs Region Meeting: Date: TBD

Southern Clubs Region Meeting: Date: TBD

Some Agenda Topics

1. The ATV Statewide Masterplan process
2. The GIA Improvement process
3. The new ATV MN regional club map
4. The request for pictures to make the ATV MN short story at Ride & Rally
5. What is the best way for ATV MN to communicate to the clubs?
6. What is your club's priority that ATV MN should focus on?



Club Reports

(Send your club's news, updates and events to us to be included in our twice-monthly e-newsletter.)

Trail counters show both economic impact and maintenance needs

From Over The Hills Gang ATV Club:

In 2019, Aitkin County began placing trail counters on nine different trails to gauge the quantity of ATV traffic on each one.

-Total counts in 2019 for the Northwoods Regional ATV Trails were 30,033. Total counts in 2021 were 81,966, up 273%. These counts help place a real number to what is being observed on the trails. They aid in the maintenance of trails and provide a good sense of the growing economic

impact in the area.

In 2021, Aitkin County placed 13 counters on various trails, and three of the counters provide a very real number to the impact of the new Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail. The EBL opened on September 15, 2021 and closed on November 1, 2021.

- Blind Lake Connector Numbers = August 604, September 1737, October 3599
- Hill City Connector Numbers = August 1371, September 2126, October 1788
- Soo Line North Swatara Numbers = August 805, September 1187, October 1304

We don't have counters on the Emily-Outing or Moose River Trails but, in all probability, the numbers increased accordingly as they are all part of the new loop that the EBL Trail created. Social media captured the chatter about riding the new EBL trail, our selfie station captured close to 100 pictures sent in by riders, parking lots were full, and many machines were observed at local businesses.



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 66 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.

Reserve your one or two-night stay today. A block of rooms and discount are under "ATV Minnesota." Event registration is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast, refreshments at breaks and lunch. Please register early so we can plan for in-person attendance. There will also be a Zoom option to attend. Either way you are attending, **please register for the Vision Conference at this link: <https://membership.atvmn.org/vision/>**



Certified Volunteer ATV Instructor Classes Scheduled For March

March 9, Blackduck, Beltrami County

March 22, Albert Lea, Freeborn County

March 26, Forest Lake, Anoka County

To view detailed information and prerequisites, go to the DNR website page at this link and click on a class you are interested in:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/training.html>

20 ATV Safety Field Day Classes Now Scheduled

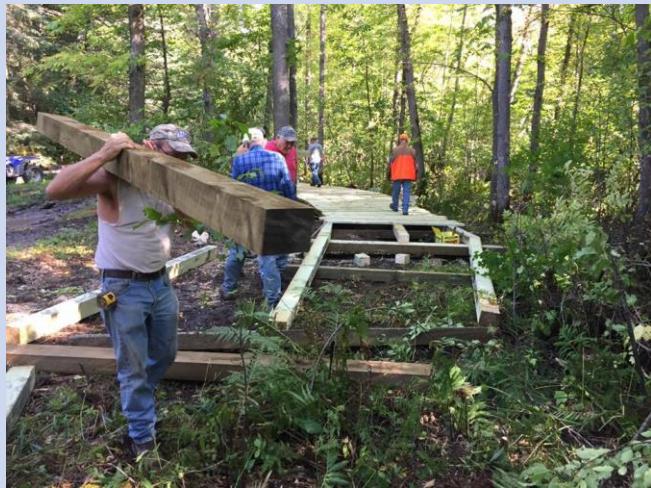
Many clubs are already scheduling their hands-on classes, starting in April, with more to come throughout the riding season. See the current calendar at this link: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/atv/index.html#calendar>



Williams: About 140 vehicles attended the Polar Bear Days Ride, held by the Northern Traxx ATV Club, February 26th, on the Chisholm Trail.

Got a Good Story to Tell?

- Have you been on a memorable ride?
- Do you have a fun story about an ATV club or ride group you belong to?
- Do you know of an outstanding volunteer who should be recognized for all they do for ATV riding in Minnesota?
- Is there an important ATV issue you'd like us to cover?
- 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@atvam.org. Thanks! From the ATV MN Communications Team: Dave Halsey, Nick Wognum, Jeff Leese, Rod Wegner, Dean Schliek. *Photo above by Daniel*



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**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 to receive newsletters. Send renewals

to ATV MN, 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 ATV MN logo sticker for your ATV or vehicle.
- 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.
- Discounts with many of our business members (watch for new list being compiled).

-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 and contact information listed in our 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

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

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