



## ATV Minnesota

*"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"*

**May 9, 2022**

**Newsletter**

**220 New Members This Year  
Welcome!**

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**As Trails Open,  
ATV Clubs Across Minnesota  
Focus On Safety...**



### ...On The Trails...

There is a science to trail building. Club leaders and volunteers work hard, year-round, to make sure existing and new trails are designed using best practices to be fun, protect natural resources, and be safe for riders of all ages.

**Photo:** Members of the Prospector ATV Club worked in sleet, snow and rain to add railings to the new Beaver River Bridge in time for the riding season.



### ...In The Classroom...

Across the state, clubs hold 70 to 80 ATV Safety Training Classes each year. In the first two weekends of May, they certified hundreds of youth riders from 10 to 15 years old.

**Photo:** Class was in session during this month's field-training day held by the White Pine Riders in McGrath.



### ...At Hands-On Field Courses...

It takes a large group of club volunteers to set up and guide students through three field obstacle courses for the hands-on portion of an ATV Safety Training Class. Looking for a class in your area? Check the DNR website for dozens scheduled across Minnesota.

**Photo:** A young rider shows proper stance going up and over the ramp during a class in Fifty Lakes held by the Over The Hills Gang. *Photo provided by parent with approval.*



### **...As Trail Ambassadors...**

About 200 DNR-certified Trail Ambassadors from 25 clubs monitor the State ATV Trails from May 1 to October 31, helping keep them safe, passing out OHV reg books and trail atlases, and answering questions.

**Photo:** A Woodtick Wheeler TA flags caution signs; a few years ago century-old culverts had collapsed along the Soo Line North Trail by Remer.



### **...In Partnership With DNR COs and Sheriff Deputies...**

Thanks to all the DNR Conservation Officers and county sheriff deputies for assisting ATV clubs across the state with their ATV Safety Classes, Trail Ambassador programs and community events.

**Photo:** DNR COs and a Goodhue County Deputy Sheriff helped the Goodhue-Bellechester Railriders certify 50 students this month.



### **...With More Safety Initiatives Planned For The Future.**

By unanimous vote at the 2022 ATV Minnesota Vision Conference, a new Safety Committee was created to focus on promoting ATV safety messages, events and activities, working with the DNR, manufacturers and rider groups to seek new solutions in order to reduce ATV incidents and accidents.



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

February 15, 2022

|  |           |
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| <b>Number of ATV Class I Fatalities</b>                  | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Number of ATV Class II Fatalities</b>                 | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>Number of Off Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Fatalities</b> | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Number of Off Highway Vehicle (ORV) Fatalities</b>    | <b>0</b>  |

### 2021 ATV Accidents Involving Fatalities

*The Goal: Zero*

*The Current Total: Too High*

**Total Fatalities: 21** (2020: 27, 2019: 12) **Age Range:** 9 to 85

**Type of Terrain:** Road ROW/Ditch: 11 Private Property: 5

Gov't Marked Trail: 3 Other: 2

**Type of Accident:** Operator thrown from machine: 3 Struck fixed object: 5

Machine rollover: 10 Fell out of machine: 1 Pedestrian: 1 Car collision: 1

**Alcohol Involved:** 5 **ATV Safety Certificate:** Yes: 1 No: 20



at: [MNATVMASTERPLAN.ORG](http://MNATVMASTERPLAN.ORG)

### How Can ATV Riding Be Improved In Minnesota?

**Share Your Thoughts.  
Take The Survey Today  
And Join A Focus Group  
By Zoom May 17 or 18  
Details and registrations**



## Reminder: Send Club Photos And Videos For The Ride & Rally "Salute To ATV Clubs" Short-Story Video

Planning is ongoing for 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 following the general membership meeting. It will be a "Salute to ATV MN Clubs," thanking ATV MN member clubs for all they do across Minnesota. The Over The Hills Gang is gathering club brochures,

logos, pictures, videos and interviews that tell the story of your club, its rides, safety training, trail construction and maintenance, fundraising, Trail Ambassador program, community events, charity rides and other programs. We want to include as much information as possible.

To have your club information included, the club needs 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. When you are ready to send your information, please email or call Blake Bogdanovich. He will give you the details on how to easily upload your information to a Drop Box. Blake's email: [atvmnmedia@icloud.com](mailto:atvmnmedia@icloud.com) Phone: 323-422-2000

**Photo above:** ATV Safety Instructors with the Roseau-LOW Sportsman Club trained 26 future ATV MN members at its class this month. Thanks to all the volunteers!



## Ride & Roast Is Just 12 Days Away. Are You Registered?

Just \$20 dollars per adult, kids 10 and under free, for a full day of riding on the Red Top, Foxy Loop, Solana Loop and other local trails, with lunch on the trail and a roast turkey/pork dinner. This year: \$25 dollars at the door to cover the cost of going to the grocery store to buy more food.

Full details, lodging/camping options and registration at [atvmn.org](http://atvmn.org). Flyer design by Dean Schliek



## ATV Minnesota State Convention (Ride & Rally) September 16-18, 2022

**New this year:** ATV Fair, food trucks, live bands, fireworks! Some lodging is starting to fill up. Contact your ride group, choose a ride option, and register today. Maximum of 25 vehicles on guided rides, or choose self-guided ride option.

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](http://atvmn.org).  
Poster design by Dean Schliek



### 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, Rod Wegner, Dean Schliek.

**Photo:** The Cass County volunteer Search And Rescue ATV Team -- with members of the Over The Hills Gang and Woodtick Wheelers ATV clubs -- is on call to assist deputies on missions involving missing persons, rescues and community events. Training and

certification in first aid, CPR and AED are ongoing. This month's training session included radio, GPS, app and drone technology, and a mock ATV crash with rider injuries.



## ATV MINNESOTA

*"Your Voice To Ride"*

Dedicated Volunteers  
Building Fun & Sustainable  
ATV Trails

(And Boardwalks, Kiosks,  
Parking, Outhouses & More)

For The Riding Public

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

**Photo:** The new bridge over the  
Beaver River (see photo at the top of

this newsletter) now has railings thanks to the hard-working volunteers building and maintaining the Prospectors Trail in St. Louis County. Building and disassembling the temporary bridge for the 2021 Ride and Rally, and then getting this bridge constructed was a huge project, and is a marquee feature and important connector for the trail system.

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 we send you to receive newsletters. Send renewals to ATV MN, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079.

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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.

**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.
- Discounts at some business members (watch for new list being compiled).
- 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.

**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. For details, send an email to Creston Dorothy at Pro Print in Duluth: [cdorothy@proprintus.com](mailto:cdorothy@proprintus.com)
- 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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