



ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

November 17, 2022

Newsletter

***Over 500 New Members This Year
Welcome...LET'S RIDE!***

Four Important Dates For Minnesota's ATV Clubs

**Today:
Register To Attend
The Legislative Summit
In-Person Or On Zoom
(Submit Your Club's Resolutions
By November 25th)**



December 3, 2022 Grand Casino Hinckley ATV Minnesota Legislative Summit

It is important for ATV Minnesota, its members and member clubs to have a collective voice, communicated through our lobbyists to the State Legislature, to form laws and direct funding that create a positive future for ATV recreation in Minnesota. That process starts with the ATV MN Legislative Summit.

Plan now for your ATV club to be represented at this important meeting, either in person or on Zoom, December 3, 2022, 8am to noon, at Grand Casino Hinckley. We will have continental breakfast available in the room during the meeting.

This is your ATV club's opportunity to submit resolutions to be prioritized and voted on, giving ATV Minnesota and its lobbyists direction and priority on what Legislative issues will be pursued during the 2023 Legislative Session.

All ATV Minnesota member clubs are invited to send representatives; each club gets one vote on resolutions and issues. The resolution form, details and deadline have been emailed to club representatives of all ATV MN member clubs. If your club did not receive the email and forms, please contact Ron Potter at r.potter@atvmn.org.

Register Today!

**To register to attend in-person (\$20) or by Zoom (\$5), tap on this link:
<https://membership.atvmn.org/summit/>**

Registration will also be accepted at the door, but if possible please pre-register.

Call the hotel for lodging reservations; unfortunately there is no room discount available for the Summit.

**Hinckley Casino Hotel 77 Lady Luck Dr, Hinckley, MN 55037
(320) 384-7328**

Because nothing was passed by the Legislature during the last Session, all existing Resolutions from last year remain active and do not need to be resubmitted unless you need to make a change to that request. If the existing Resolution remains unchanged you do not need to do anything with it.

We need all new Resolutions into the ATV MN office on or before Friday, November 25th, 2022. That is Thanksgiving weekend so if that is a problem meeting that deadline please contact the ATV MN office.



Previous Resolutions Are Still Active

At our last Legislative Summit, held January 8, 2022, 50 ATV club representatives, association lobbyists, county commissioners, ATV manufacturer representatives, and DNR Parks & Trails partners attended.

Resolutions discussed and voted on as high priorities for ATV MN and its member clubs included:

-To continue working to remove “low pressure or non-pneumatic (tires),” and increase the maximum weight from 2,000 lbs to 3,000 lbs for the ATV definition in State statutes.

-To approve allocating funds from the ATV Dedicated Account or through bonding to expand trail systems of the Roseau & Lake Of The Woods Sportsmans Club, the Prospector Alliance, and Voyageur Country ATV.

Resolutions discussed and voted on as secondary priorities:

-To support legislation to open to ATVs some sections of state highways in communities in order to connect trails to services.
 -To support the ability of 16-17 year old riders who have their DNR certification to ride with a passenger, when riding with parents and having a drivers license.
 -To support non-profit ATV clubs receive a sales tax exemption on all equipment and attachments as an allowable cost in the GIA manual.

Resolutions discussed and voted on as thirdly priorities:

-To support removing the Ag Zone Restriction, which currently restricts the ability to operate in the ditches in the southern part of the State until after August 1.
 -To support providing for a reduction in the ATV registration fee for those who belong to an ATV club.
 -To support an opt-in option to receive information about ATV MN when registering ATVs.

A few other resolutions presented by ATV clubs were discussed and tabled at that time because they were issues related to DNR policy and did not require action at the Legislative level.

Upon adjournment of the Legislative Summit, the current and new priority resolutions will be reviewed by the Executive Board and, upon approval, will then be in the hands of ATV MN lobbyists Ray Bohn and Tom Hackbarth, who will move them forward at the State Capitol. The bills require sponsors within the Legislature, and go through many steps in the hope of becoming law.



mn DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Off-highway Vehicle Grant Funding Application Existing and New Trails, Form 1

Trail Information

Club Name: _____

Trail or Trail system name: _____
Miles of existing trail in GIA system: _____

Total grant request (from question 4D project/annual work, FORM 2): _____

Check Type(s) of Off-highway Vehicle Funding Applied for:
 All-Terrain Vehicle Trail Off-Highway Motorcycle Trail Off-Road Vehicle Trail

Trail administrator contact information and approval

Name: _____
Address (Street, Box Number, City, State, Zip Code): _____
Phone number/ Email Address: _____

Public point of contact information and approval used on DNR maps and Web Page.

Name: _____
Signature/Date: _____

Address (Street, Box Number, City, State, Zip Code): _____
Phone number/ Email Address: _____

Sponsor approval

Local unit of government sponsor:
Name and Title: _____
Authorized signature of sponsor/Date: _____

Address (Street, Box Number, City, State, Zip Code): _____
Phone number/ Email Address: _____

November 30th: Grant-in-Aid Applications And Sign Orders Are Due

As stated in the DNR grant manual:

"Trail Funding Application Process: Each year grant funding applications for trails and riding areas already in the program must be submitted by the sponsor to the Area Parks and Trails office by November 30 or as stated on the DNR OHV GIA website. New trail proposals may be submitted at any time."

Grant-in-Aid (GIA) funds are available to help develop and maintain recreational trails for use by all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and off-road vehicles.

First authorized in 1984, the GIA program provides cost-sharing opportunities at the initiative of clubs and other organizations, with the support and participation of local government sponsors. Organizations can apply for GIA funds through counties, cities or townships. All aspects of OHV trail development and maintenance are eligible for funding, including project administration, site planning, trail improvements, land acquisition for trail development, and trail maintenance. Proposals with a focus on maintaining or improving existing trails and trail systems will be assigned a higher priority.

Contact your trail sponsor or Local Government Unit to know when you need your funding applications in. More information can be found on the MN DNR Website at:

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/gia_ohv.html



2023 OHV Grant-In-Aid (GIA) Trails Workshop

The Minnesota DNR is planning a 2-3 day GIA trails workshop next season. We would like some feedback on when to hold it and what topics to focus on. Location is TBD and there will be further details to come.

Please have your answers submitted by **Wednesday, November 30th**.

1. What is your role in the GIA system?

- OHV club member
- Sponsor (Local Govt. Unit)
- DNR staff member
- Other

2. What time of year would work best for you to attend this workshop? Select all that apply.

and not yet in GIA), local government sponsors, DNR staff who are involved in the OHV planning process and other organizations who may have an interest in trail planning.

To aid in course development, we developed a very short survey to identify interest. Please help us by distributing the survey to your membership and anyone else you think would be interested. We ask for responses by November 30 so we can get into deeper planning. This has also been distributed to Parks and Trails area staff and we asked that they distribute to their local clubs and sponsors. Also, if you have an interest in helping or facilitating part of the course, please let us know. There may still be questions out there that we are not able to answer at this time, but more information will come out as we get closer.

Link to

survey: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RrAU68QkGUWPJricIVmCjKBc63ThgBdIktV3DgFq4nlUNjQyUkdKVDhLNVBOQVRGVoNGT1JSSk9aNC4u>

Thank you,

Joe Unger

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November 30th: Last Day To Take The DNR Survey On Trail- Building GIA Workshop

(Please take the short, 6-question survey today...thanks!)

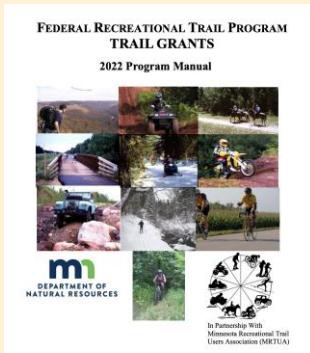
*From Joe Unger, OHV Program Consultant,
DNR Parks and Trails*

Greetings all,

As discussed at our seasonal meetings last month, we are planning to host OHV trail building/GIA workshops next year. The target audiences will be OHV clubs (both in

and not yet in GIA), local government sponsors, DNR staff who are involved in the OHV

planning process and other organizations who may have an interest in trail planning.



February 25, 2023 Deadline For Federal RTP Grant Applications

The 2023 Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant Application Will Soon Be Available On The DNR Website. Keep an eye out for it.

Tips:

- Plan far ahead to meet the Feb 25 deadline.
- Include letters of support.
- Support letters from ATV MN are permitted.

- If application is for a multi-use trail, know that it is for the life of the trail.
- Read information carefully related to the "Buy American" details.

Learn more at:

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_federal.html

SAVE THE DATES!

May 20, 2023
Ride & Roast / ATV MN 40th
Anniversary
McQuoid's Inn, Isle, MN

Sept 22-24, 2023
ATV MN State Convention /
Ride & Rally

Host clubs: Quad Cities ATV Club,
Ranger Snowmobile & ATV Club
Location: Giants Ridge, Biwabik



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. Thanks! From the ATV MN Communications Team: Dave Halsey, Nick Wognum, Jeff Leese, Dean Schliek.

Photos: Joe Meinhardt and his son pose for the camera at the ATV MN photo shoot in September.



ATV MINNESOTA "Your Voice To Ride"

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ATV Trails For The Riding Public
(And Bridges, Boardwalks, Kiosks, Parking,
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renewal form we send you to
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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.
- 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
- Opportunities to reach more customers by sponsoring or donating to our events

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