

**Shooting For Another 500
New Members This Year**

ATVAM Newsletter - January 28, 2020

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

"Your Voice for ATV Recreation In Minnesota"

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Please note:

Send member renewals to new mailing address: ATVAM, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079

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Rolling Into 2020 With A Vision, A Strategic Plan, And 544 New Members

ATV clubs across the state are working hard in their local areas AND at the state level, attending the recent Legislative Summit and the major ATVAM meetings and events being planned for 2020.

Save the dates and plan to attend:



March 21-22 - ATVAM Vision Conference

Register today at atvam.org

Treasure Island Resort and Casino

5734 Sturgeon Lake Rd

Welch, MN 55089

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www.ticasino.com See details in article below.

Club leaders are encouraged to attend.

April 18 - ATVAM Region 3 All-Club Meeting

9am - 1pm, Ironton American Legion Post #443

April 24-25 - MN OHV Nemadji Trails Workshop

Meeting /Classroom Location: Duquette Community Hall

Field Location: Nemadji OHV Trails

Time: 9 am to 5 pm each day

Limited to 40 people. Registration info coming soon.

May 15-16 - 2020 Ride & Roast

McQuoid's Inn, Isle Details on flyer below. Register at atvam.org

September 18-20 ATVAM Annual Conference / Ride & Rally Host: Prospectors ATV Club/Ely

Saturday Banquet/Meeting/Auction Location:

Grand Ely Lodge, 400 N. Pioneer Road, Ely, MN 55731

Registration and lodging/campground info coming soon.

Register Today For ATVAM Vision Conference (Make It A Family Weekend At Treasure Island)



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This two-day gathering is always well attended and a lot of fun, with lively discussions at the Saturday Vision Conference, and Sunday General Membership Meeting. Join the Executive Board, Regional Directors and ATV club

members from across Minnesota as we tackle a wide range of topics, with one goal: creating a clear Vision for ATVAM, and the Action Items needed to move it and its 70 member clubs forward, and advance our state's awesome ATV trail systems.

It's also your chance to buy new ATVAM gear, reappoint and elect new Regional Directors...and more. If you can make it just Saturday, great! If you can stay for the Sunday morning general-membership meeting, even better.

We need a headcount for lunch. Please register today at atvam.org



\$25 per person (includes Saturday lunch/Sun a.m. refreshments)

Schedule:

Friday, March 20 - evening social gathering, location TBD

Saturday, March 21 -

7 a.m. - Doors open for registration/visiting/networking.

8 a.m. - Meeting starts, full agenda, lots of great topics and DNR updates.

Lunch included with registration fee.

Sunday, March 22

9 a.m. - State Board & General Membership Meeting (to about noon)

Lodging: A block of 15, special-rate rooms is reserved under ATVAM: \$139 for Friday, and \$159 on Saturday (plus fees, taxes). Other lodging options are available in nearby Red Wing, including:

-St. James Hotel: 651-388-2846 (12 miles from Treasure Island)

-Super 8 by Wyndham: 651-347-6954 (10 miles)

-Country Inn & Suites: 651-388-9000 (7.7 miles)



**Make it a family weekend at Treasure Island:
bowling, water park, live entertainment & more.**

Reminder to all ATVAM Clubs:

ATVAM's State Board of Directors is made up of the Executive Board, Regional Directors, and Representatives from all ATVAM Clubs. Every ATVAM Club has a voice, through its designated ATVAM Representative, who are invited to participate in the monthly board calls and the in-person meetings at the annual Vision Conference and Fall Ride & Rally. This is your club's opportunity to provide input and shape the direction and actions of the ATVAM Executive Board. If your Club's ATVAM Rep (usually the club president) isn't receiving the monthly e-mail invitations, let us know by sending an email to: atvamoffice@atvam.org. Thanks!

ATVAM Thanks Region 2 Directors For Their Years Of Work Building Clubs & Trails

By Perry May, ATVAM Director at Large

ATVAM Region 2 Director Resignations

As the new Director at Large for ATVAM, I am constantly reminded how much I don't know about the Association and some of the efforts individuals have put in, to grow our organization through the tough and good times.

I was informed by both Gary Kaminen and Mike Silvis that they are resigning as Regional 2 Directors representing NE Minnesota. Both have indicated that the time has come to resign, due to health reasons or give others the opportunity to lead. I contacted both Gary and Mike to discuss their time as Directors and came away inspired by the level of their contributions.



ATVAM Director Mike Silvis

Vietnam War Veteran

Gary from Keewatin and Mike from Grand Rapids forged a friendship as active members of the Range Riders ATV Club. They both became ATVAM Regional Directors in 2002, when Sonia Bartz was ATVAM President, wanting to expand ATV recreational riding opportunities in the Northeast.

As Mike stated, Gary was the spearhead. As a former school teacher, he could speak well in public forums. Mike was the blue -color "just-the - facts" person.

Together, they tackled things like opening 70,000 acres of potential riding areas within the George Washington State Forest / Northern Itasca County, working with U.S. Forest Service to keep some motorized recreation open in the Chippewa and Superior National Forests, working with Itasca County on a comprehensive recreational plan, and helping create seven local ATV clubs. Gary stated that ATVAM had to fight the anti -motorized groups at every meeting of the Forest Legacy Program, protecting our right to recreate on public lands. ATV Trails like the Bigfork to Balsam, Little Moose, and Thistledeew Trails may not have happened without their efforts. Put simply, ATV riding north of U.S. Highway 2 happened due to their efforts.



ATVAM Director Gary Kaminen, Nationally Known Fish Decoy Carver

Gary initiated an effort to get Itasca County to review county road ordinances to open connections between trails, which opened the door to other counties considering the same action. Mike is a big believer that ATV recreation is a family-friendly sport, and told me many stories where he was not a welcome rider because he promoted safety first, and the trail was no place to be under the influence of alcohol.

These two put in hundreds of hours and thousands of miles crossing northeast Minnesota, attending public meetings, club meetings, and Legislative meetings at the State Capital. One day trip to St. Paul attended by Mike, Gary, and his wife Mari lasted well into the evening before they arrived home just before 2am. On their drive home, they learned the Anti-Motorized group had slipped in some unwanted language into a policy bill. They drove three hours back to St. Paul for an 8am meeting the next day to make sure the prohibitive legislation was removed.

They both give credit to ATVAM Lobbyist Ray Bohn, and former Minnesota House of Representatives Tom Anzenc and Tom Hackbarth, for listening and moving open riding policies forward. They give credit to their supportive spouses, Mari Kaminen, and Patti Silvis, for all the times they were away from their family.

This dynamic duo will be hard to replace for their knowledge about the region, clubs, legislative process, and connections within ATVAM. **We extend to each of them, our gratitude and thanks for all their efforts advancing ATV Recreation in**

Minnesota, and for their dedication as outstanding members of the ATV Association of Minnesota. Thank-you!

Region By Region, ATVAM Clubs Are Working Hard For Their Members And The Riding Public

Perry May has been traveling across Minnesota, visiting with clubs large and small, some vibrant and busy, a few struggling. He has also been meeting with ATVAM Regional Directors in person or by phone, to learn about their successes, challenges and key priorities for 2020. As ATVAM Director at Large, Perry has put together a detailed ATVAM Regional Report. One glance shows that ATV clubs are working at many levels, on new trails, community projects and more, on behalf of their members and all ATV riders in Minnesota. If your club has updates or would like to visit further with Perry, contact him at 612-919-5806 or shoot him an email at

p.may@atvam.org .

Date: 01/15/2020

From: Perry May / ATVAM Director at Large

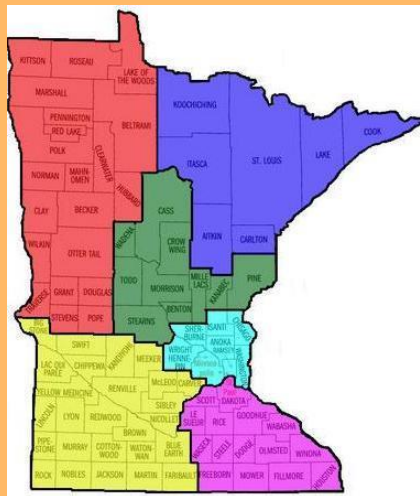
70 total ATVAM clubs / 19 Directors

Spoke with 9 directors from 12/15/19 to 1/15/2020

Key Priorities

Region 1: 13 clubs, 1 Director, 13:1 ratio

- Identified a possible second director to recruit, Regional Director Loren A. to follow-up
- Support for Bonding for Clear River Campground / Beltrami Island State Forest
- Focus on maintenance improvements on existing GIA trails due to wet summer
- Monitor results: Moose River Dike Pilot Program
- Eagle Scout Project in Carps Pit / Beltrami Mapping -



Family requested a congratulatory letter from ATVAM for Eagle Court of Honor, letter written and sent to Region 1 Director

- Warroad to Railbed ATV Corridor, GIA proposal 19.25 miles
- Butler Grade near Roosevelt / Step 5 in GIA
- Timber Riders ATV Trail / Waskish / Step 5 in GIA
- Agassiz Trail Riders / Hallock / Step 2 in GIA
- Fire Frost ATV Club / Norman County / GIA proposal - Have an email request into Tim Williamson, DNR Bemidji
- Fosston ATV Club GIA proposal /need follow-up - Have an email request into Tim Williamson

Region 2 - 31 clubs, 10 Directors, 3.1:1 ratio

- Region 2 meetings are lightly attended - need to change
- IRRRB meeting on 12/19/19 - Three NE Region clubs received trail grant approvals (Northern Traxx, Voyageur Country, Over the Hills Gang)
- Getting Trails in OHV Trail Atlas

- Submitting GIA for existing trails / Voyageur Country
- DNR meeting request (Firetower Access, New Overlook, and Public Restroom) - Bruce Beste, Reg 2 Director
- Nashwauk Connector (Len Hardy Memorial Trail) / 9 miles / Step 0 in GIA
- Wilderness Trail / Marcel, Bigfork / 60 miles / Step 1 in GIA
- Winnie Deer River / 45 miles / Step 0 in GIA
- Gilbert to Biwabik / 9.5 miles / Step 0 in GIA
- Prospectors Loop / 218 miles / Step 6 in GIA
- Quad Cities / 38 miles / Step 1-4?
- Voyageur Trail / Route System / 250 miles / 39.4 miles in GIA / Step 0 to 1?
- Reservoir Riders ATV Trail / 50 miles / Duluth / Step 0 in GIA
- Wild Country Dixie Trail / 4 miles / Two Harbors / Step 0 in GIA
- Sturgeon Connection / 2 miles / Sturgeon Lake / Step 0 in GIA
- Turkey Time / 15 miles / Cromwell / Step 2 in GIA (Open to public comment period until 2/11/2020)
- Wisconsin Connection / 2 miles / Wrenshall / Step 0 in GIA
- Soo Line Pits / ?? miles / Moose Lake / Step 0 in GIA

Region 3 - 9 clubs, 3 Directors, 3:1 ratio

- April Region 3 all-club meeting, set for April 18 at Ironton American Legion
- Emily Blind Lake / 16 miles / Step 5 in GIA (First phase construction)
- Mille Lacs East / Phase I / 29 miles / Step 0 in GIA
- North Metro club taking over GIA management of Pine Center Trail. Club asking for trail expansion. Reviewed at CWC Natural Resources Advisory Board.
- Sand Creek Bridge Feasibility - Crow Wing County has the lead, State asking for spending forecast before releasing funds. Cuyuna Iron Range Riders to meet with Cuyuna State Recreational area to discuss access
- Rum River OHV Trail Plans - Public comments taken until 11/4/2019. Need ATVAM Club to participate. The preliminary plans propose:
 - Area 1 ATV (Class I only)/OHM - 2.8 miles.
 - Area 2 ATV (Class I only)/OHM - 2.3 miles; OHM - 5.9 miles
 - Area 3 ORV - 1.1 miles
- Cass County Search & Rescue Team growing - now with 26 members from Woodtick Wheelers and Over the Hills Gang clubs; 191 volunteer hours in 2019
- Central Lakes Club exploring RTP for purchase of tractor and attachments
- City of Baxter reached out to Darrel Palmer on trail extension interests
- DNR to allow ingress/egress of ATVs at Clint Converse and Greer Lake camping, one year trial period, with conditions
- ATVAM/DNR meeting held 1/7/2020 on dual-use winter trails in Nemadji State Forest, actions being taken to improve signage, rider education and enforcement
- Nemadji Trails Workshop in April 24-25, 2020, Duquette, MN
- Mille Lacs County & Waukon, MN discussion on 1/21/2020 - Issues with ATV's along US 169 ROW

Region 4 - 5 clubs, 0 Directors, 5:0 ratio - Need to recruit a Director

- MN Valley ATV Riders donated \$500 to ATVAM, no progress on Renville County OHV Park. Club meeting being held 1/21/2020 to discuss future of club

-Shady Oaks Native Prairie Trail has new highway signs to direct people to Russell MN trail

-Appleton Recreation Area expansion / 8 miles / Step 1 in GIA

Region 5 - 7 clubs, 4 Directors, 1.75:1 ratio

-Regional meeting held on 12/14 - 30 in attendance including two state legislators

-Need Regional Trail plan

-Will be bringing policy items to Legislative Summit (MN Hwy limited access, AG Zone Restrictions, & clarity on riding on road surface)

-Chatfield Expansion / 38 miles / Spoke with Angela Yuska (PAT Rochester) - In discussions about trail alignment

-Houston OHV Trail - From DNR's Nancy Spooner-Mueller - The Houston project has just finished up the area review and a response has been distributed (Step 2). An RMT (Regional Management Team) meeting for DNR regional review and approval will be schedule for the end of January (Step 3). Public input will be held after RMT approval (Step 4), we would like that to happen in February

Region 6 - 5 clubs, 2 Directors, 2.5:1 ratio

-ERX Summer Event

-Sherburne County /10 miles / Big Lake / Step 0 in GIA

** 2020 Legislative Summit requested \$200k in dedicated account funds to inventory current open riding areas and to create four Regional Master Plans to feed into Statewide Master Plan. Regional areas would be revised to match the DNR's four administrative areas.

Announcing!
The 2020 ATVAM State Convention

-This year's "Ride & Rally" is in Ely,
watch website for registration and lodging details-

September 18-20, 2020 in Ely, Babbitt, Embarrass & Tower ATV Minnesota State Convention 2020



Pioneer Mine
Ely, Minnesota
National Register
of Historic Places

Hosted by:



ATVAM Ride and Rally Sept 18-20, 2020 Schedule of Events

FRIDAY 9.18.20

- 8am Registration opens
- 8am Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall Embarrass
- 10am VIP Rides Begin
- Noon-2pm: VIP Lunch on Lake Vermilion
- Time TBA ATV Big Air Tour in Babbitt
- 5pm-? Dinner Specials at Local Restaurants

SATURDAY 9.19.20

- 7:30-9:30am Pancake Breakfast by the Volunteer Fire Dept at the Morse-Fall Lake Fire Hall
- 8am-5pm Registration open at Grand Ely Lodge
- 10am Guided ATV rides offered at various locations including a lunch stop at local restaurants. Different rides of various lengths/difficulty.

Saturday Night @ Historic Pioneer Mine:

- 4-8pm Silent Auction to benefit ATVAM
- 5-7:30pm ATVAM Ride and Rally Banquet
- 7pm General Membership Meeting & Election
ATVAM Live Auction to follow

SUNDAY 9.20.20

- 9am ATVAM board meeting at Grand Ely Lodge

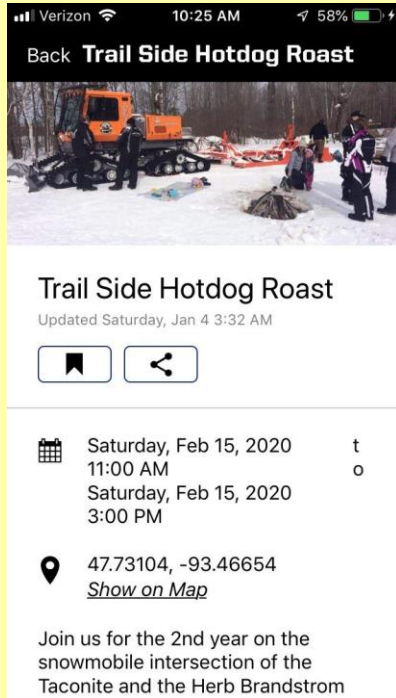
ATV BIG AIR TOUR



**Come & Ride
What We've
Been Building!**

Register for Ride and Rally 2020 at ATVAM.org. Price for Friday's guided ride and VIP lunch \$10. Guided ATV rides Saturday and Saturday night banquet \$35. Kids 12 and under FREE at all events.

New App Feature Helps Clubs Organize Rides, Create & Share Events



The Polaris Ride Command Mobile App Version 6.3.0 has features now being used by snowmobile and ATV clubs across the country. Club leaders with the app on their smart phone or tablet are now able to:

- 1) Create events for future club rides, with all the details: event name, date and time, location on the Ride Command trails map, plus a link to their club's Facebook page to share it with members.
- 2) Add a club event to the Nearby Events list, so other riders can see it, learn more about the club.
- 3) See events listed near or far by other snowmobile and ATV clubs.
- 4) Use the new "Collections" feature to group tracked rides, waypoints and planned rides, and share it all as a collection with others.

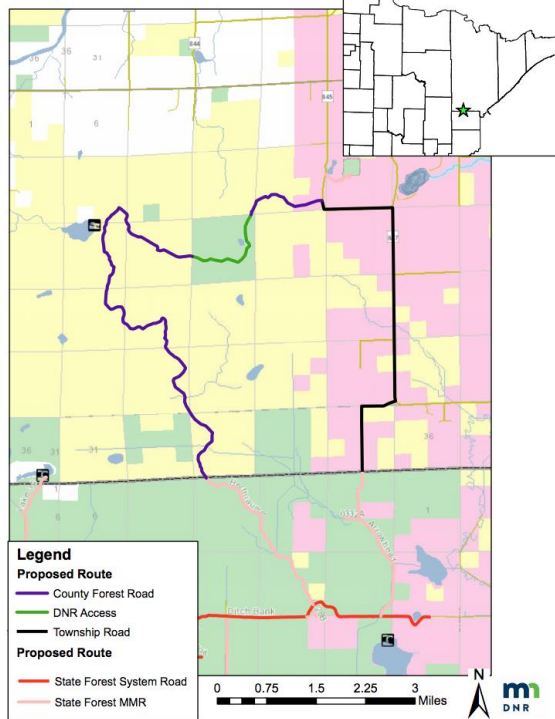
This adds to current app features, including Group Ride, Report Riding Conditions, Snow Depth, fund-raising Points of Interest, Food Fuel and Lodging, Ride Areas, and Dealers, helping clubs maximize their rides, connect with members, and invite other riders to join their club.



Over 500 ATV and snowmobile clubs across the U.S. and Canada have partnered with Polaris as Ride Command Trail Managers, giving them the ability to manage their designated trails on the RC map, add waypoints such as trailheads, parking and scenic stops, and raise funds with Premium Points of Interest for club sponsors selling food, fuel and lodging. Learn more at <https://ridecommand.polaris.com/>

Reminder:
Please Support "Turkey Time Trail"
With Your Emails And Calls
To Minnesota DNR
(Every comment counts!)

Turkey Time ATV/OHM GIA Proposal



The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites public review and comment on a Carlton County proposal to build a Grant-in-Aid trail for all-terrain vehicles and off-highway motorcycles. The proposed trail, known as the Turkey Time Trail, would provide a 15.6-mile loop beginning and ending in the Fond du Lac State Forest. The project proposers have routed most of the trail along existing roads and trails, helping to reduce the impact to wetlands. If approved, Carlton County Riders and Carlton County would maintain the trail. The DNR will accept written comments on the proposed trail until 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 11. Comments may be submitted by email to mary.straka@state.mn.us, or by mail to Mary Straka, area supervisor, Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota DNR, 701 S Kenwood, Moose Lake, MN 55767. Or call Mary at 218-460-7024.

New NOHVCC Webinar: Working With Land Managers - A Guide To Building Positive Relationships

OHV recreation often occurs on public lands. If OHV enthusiasts want to ensure the best possible experience when they hit the trails, it will be important to get to know the land managers. It is easy to say what we would like to see (more and better opportunities), but often the land managers have unique issues to deal with that can only become obvious by working together. Tom Crimmins, U.S. Forest Service, retired, will present on how to work with land managers in a way that results in productive two-way relationships.

When: February 11, 2020

Time: 8:00 PM Eastern

Cost: FREE!

RSVP For the Webinar Here:

<https://www.nohvcc.org/event/webinar-working-with-land-managers-a-guide-to-building-positive-relationships/>

If you RSVP for the webinar - NOHVCC staff will reach out to you with information on how to log in within a few days. Primary Presenters include:

Tom Crimmins, Retired, US Forest Service

Duane Taylor, Executive Director, NOHVCC

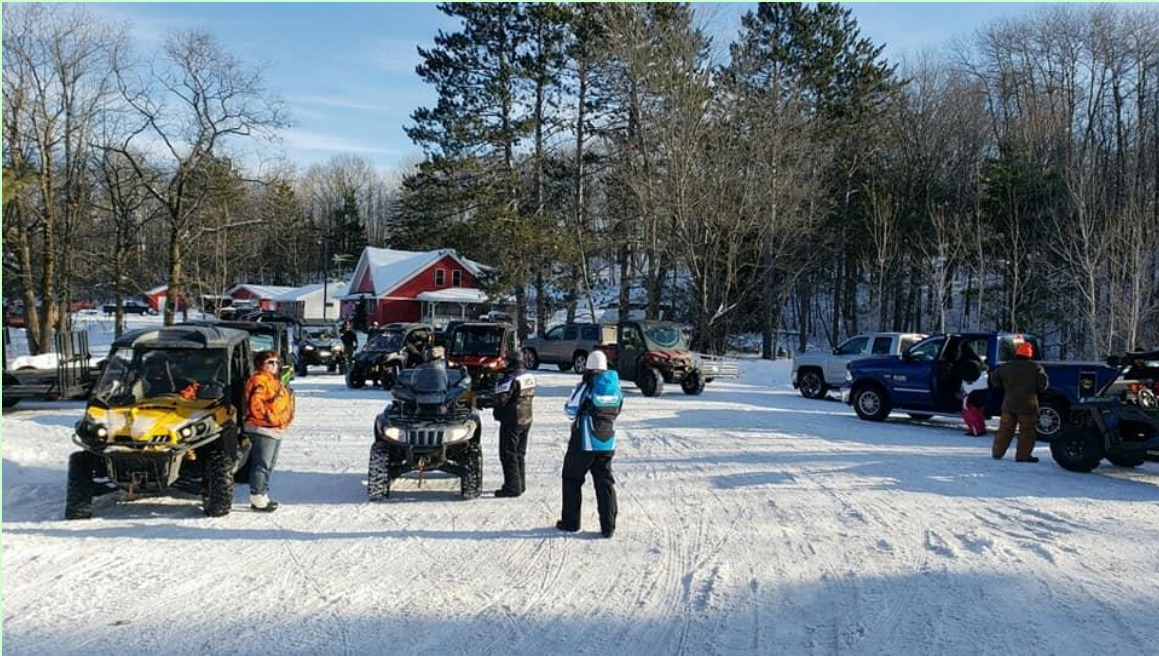
Any questions should be directed to trailhead@nohvcc.org.

NOHVCC

National Off-Highway Vehicle
Conservation Council

2020 Webinar Series

Keep an eye on NOHVCC's website (and on your emails) for more information as additional webinars are scheduled.



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Region 1 Club Rides & Work Days:

Please submit for next newsletter.
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Region 2:

Carlton County Riders - Winter Ride 2020: Jan 25 in Cloquet
10:30am, Spafford Park With a stop on the trail for a fire to warm up and roast some snacks, and stop at the Sus for lunch.

Northern Traxx ATV Club - Polar Bear Ride: Feb 22 in Chisholm
Meeting at Jims Sports Bar @ 10am, leaving at 11am, heading down the Chisholm ATV trail, with a few stops along the way. Northern Traxx ATV Club will provide lunch at the Sportsmans Club.
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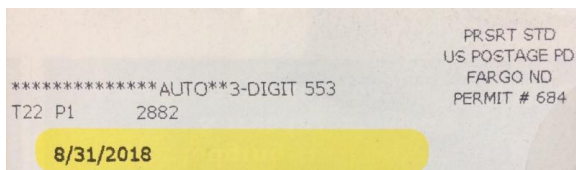
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see "Officers" on the ATVM website.*

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Be sure to include your email address on renewal form to receive ATVM e-newsletters. And send renewals to ATVM's new mailing address: PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079

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- 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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- Discounts on advertising in *MN OffRoad* magazine
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