

ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

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Newsletter

55 new members in Jan/Feb - Welcome!

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After months of hard work, we launched Minnesota Wheelin, the official publication of ATVMN and MN4WDA, with a total of over 100 member clubs and over 300 business sponsors. We want to thank everyone who contributed to the content in our announcement issue, including all the companies that supported us as charter advertisers.

More companies are placing ads for future editions, which allows us to increase the total number of pages and the number of articles published. Every one is written specifically for our members — THE most enthusiastic ATV/SxS riders and 4WDTruck/Buggy drivers in Minnesota, who are building trails and travel routes for the riding public, protecting access to our public lands, and having fun.

Comments and ideas welcome:

Send them to: d.halsey@atvam.org. If you joined ATVMN after the mailing date you can still see the magazine. All editions are being archived and available to page through at minnesotawheelin.org.

Clubs and business members:

Please check your listing in the magazine and send us any corrections or updates.

Charter advertisers are: Amsoil / ATVMN Ride & Rally / Cabins On Crane / Crane Lake / Dirty Dawg Performance / Fred Thomas Resort / Grand Rapids / Hayward Lakes / Mesabi Iron Range / Park Chrysler

May 22 - ATVMN "Ride & Roast"

This fun annual event is at McQuoid's Inn, Isle, Minnesota. It starts with a pancake breakfast by the Isle Fire Department, followed by guided rides at 10am, with a trail-side box lunch on the Red Top, Foxy Loop and Solana trail systems. A hog and turkey roast dinner rounds out the day. All for just \$20 a rider (children 10 and under free). Register at atvam.org. Reserve your room at McQuoid's Inn, 1325 State Hwy 47, Isle MN 320-676-3535. Ask for the ATVMN discount.

March 6th - Northern Traxx ATV Club - Polar Bear Ride Details at club Facebook page.

April 24 - Voyageur Country ATV - Spring Ride Watch for details on club Facebook page.

May 22 - Lake Country ATV Riders - Spring Ride at Spider Lake Trails. See Facebook page for details.

July 7-10 - ERX Off-Road National ATVMN members will be invited to help again this year with parking; a fun ATV Minnesota fundraiser. Details coming soon.

You can add your club rides and work days that need extra volunteer help into this newsletter. Send details to d.halsey@atvam.org Thanks!

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Thanks to all our members, member clubs, business sponsors, county, state and federal agency partners, and advertisers for your support!

Reminder: Include Letters of Support In Your RTP Applications

The application deadline for grants through the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is February 26th. Dave Kryzer reminds all clubs and their funding sponsors that are submitting applications to be sure and include letters of support.

"If you know of a motorized club that is submitting an application, encourage it to include letters of support from other motorized clubs," said Kryzer, a member of the Minnesota Recreational Trail Users Association (MRTUA), the advisory board that reviews the applications and submits its recommendations to the Minnesota DNR. "If it's a joint application, include letters from a non-motorized club as well. They play an important part in the decision-making process for the program."

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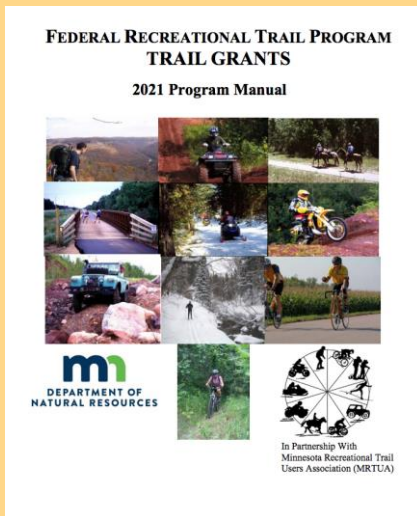
Got An ATV Business? Want To Reach More Riders?

We added classified ads to Minnesota Wheelin magazine

Thanks to Dale Hilton at Dirty Dawg Performance for placing the first classified ad in our new magazine. Minnesota Wheelin has ads in all sizes and prices...including very affordable classified ads for performance shops, ATV repair shops and other small businesses.

There are discounts for first-time advertisers and ATVMN business members. For details and to receive a media kit and rate card or get help creating an ad, contact Creston Dorothy at Discovery Publishing, a division of Pro Print in Duluth, our new publishing partner: 218-722-9805, cdorothy@proprintus.com .





Need A New Trail Map Or Other Club Materials? Pro Print can help. It currently prints the Emily-Outing ATV Trail map. Give them a shout for more information.

ATV Safety Classes during COVID
 The "MN DNR ENF Safety/Education COVID-19 Preparedness Plan" hasn't changed much since last year. It now allows 25 students/instructors outside, 15 inside. With the pandemic statistics changing daily, there may be revisions to the Plan before spring. We will keep all ATVMAM member clubs informed of these changes as we move toward the riding and training season.

Register Today For Vision Conference. Your Choice: In-Person or on Zoom.



Register by going to atvam.org and tap the link to the registration form. Please put in the comment field if you are attending in-person at Running Aces, or virtually on Zoom. Thanks!

 This year's ATV Minnesota Vision Conference will be a hybrid meeting on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Attend either in-person at the Running Aces

Racetrack, with a maximum of 50 people, or virtually on a computer via Zoom.

At the annual Vision Conference, the ATV Minnesota Executive Board, Regional Directors and ATV club members from across the state discuss a wide range of topics, with one goal: creating a clear Vision for ATVMN, 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 ATVMN gear, reappoint or elect new Regional Directors...and more.

Please register for the Vision Conference by going to atvam.org, where you will see a link to this registration form. On that form, please indicate in the comment box if you plan to attend in person. That way, we will know when we have reached the maximum of 50 people allowed in the meeting room, arranged for social distancing. We will collect \$10 at the meeting to cover the cost of food and beverages provided during the breaks.

The meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with some longer breaks during the day. Prior to the meeting we will send out information on how to attend by Zoom, with a schedule of the topics to be discussed so people attending by Zoom can participate in those they are interested in.

For those ATVMN members staying overnight before or after the meeting, please book your room at: www.runaces.com. Use the group code: ATVA. Running Aces is located at 15201 Running Aces Blvd, Columbus, MN 55025. Traveling from the Cities, it's one exit north of the intersection of I-35E and I-35W, about 20 minutes north of I-694.

Please register today so we can prepare for the hybrid Vision Conference. We look forward to seeing you in-person or on Zoom.



Trail-Ambassador Training Class February 27th At Camp Ripley

Join the 200 DNR-certified TAs monitoring our State ATV Trails Friday-Sunday during the riding season. It's a great opportunity to ride trails across the state, visit with riders, hand out maps, and report to the DNR trail issues such as large trees down and culverts exposed, and be reimbursed for your time and expenses, through your ATV club.



Trail Ambassador Training Session



New participants only

New participants to the Trail Ambassador program may attend ATV Safety Instructor training before or after attending a Trail Ambassador training session. ATV Safety instructor training needs to be completed by May 1st to be eligible to participate in the 2021 Trail Ambassador monitoring season.

Link to Instructor Training [Calendar](#)

Date and Location

Date: Saturday February 27, 2021

Time: 10:00am

County: Pine

Location: Camp Ripley
Education Center Building
15011 HWY 115
Little Falls, MN 56345

Note: This training session will take approximately 6hrs to complete. Training materials along with morning refreshments/lunch will be provided at no cost to participants.

[To register](#)

Contact Rec Vehicle Coordinator Bruce Lawrence
Email: bruce.lawrence@state.mn.us



Comments From Members

On Our Recent Newsletter Articles

In a January newsletter, we posed questions about improving signage on the State ATV Trails, including moving to white-on-brown signs, clearer Class 1/2 signs and adding reassurance markers. Here are a few of the many replies from members on this issue.

“Would love signs that show the 65-inch width limit. Would love trail assurance signs.” Trent S

“Signs that clearly indicate ATV types are needed. I struggle to remember every time I see one of these signs. The average person has no clue.” Mark Z

“Minnesota should change signage to match other States. This will help ensure everyone follows the rules and regulations, including visitors.” Scott L

“Uniform and onsite notification signage would be an improvement. A single large sign at each trailhead, border crossing, parking lot, etc. would be posted.”
Greg A

“The proposed sign changes, as shown in the January 30th newsletter are excellent. As a retired DNR Parks & Trails employee, I recall there were often pushes made for better, more clearly understood and standardized signing. The examples shown in the newsletter provide those things. I fully support ATV Minnesota’s efforts to improve trail signing.” Paul M

“I like the idea of updating our trail signs. Clearer signs and route markings would be great! Keep up the good work!” Jim P



And On ATVMN's Position Opposing For Now A Proposal By ATV Manufacturers To Increase Width And Weight In The ATV Definition:

(Photo for illustration purposes only)

“We support (ATVMN) all the way to push back on this move to build 'roads' rather than trails. We don't need/want wider

trails...this is an ATV sport. We need more 50-inch ATV trails please.” Trent S

“I appreciate and support our organization’s position on changing ATV definitions again. Sustainable trails should always be a top consideration. Lastly, I really like the direction ATVMN is taking: new name, new magazine,

increased and more comprehensive communication, new spark...all great stuff! Keep up the good work." Paul M, DNR retiree

Thanks for the feedback! Keep it coming. Send your comments on the ATVMN newsletter and Minnesota Wheelin magazine to: d.halsey@atvam.org.



Ready for some winter riding?

See the new 9-page booklet titled "Winter Riding Opportunities in Minnesota" on the ATVMN website: atvam.org.
Written and distributed free by ATVMN.
(Photo from Voyager Country ATV, Graphics by Dean Schliek)

MINNESOTA WINTER ATV TRAILS

ALWOOD - SQUAW LAKE TRAIL	IRON RANGE OHV/REG AREA
APPLETON OHV PARK	MATTHEW LOUREY TRAIL
BEMIS HILL TRAIL	MOOSE RIVER TRAIL
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For The Riding Public

Invite friends and family to join today!

See the mailing label on your ATV Minnesota magazine for the renewal date of your membership. Be sure to include your email address on the

renewal form to receive newsletters. And send renewals to ATVMN's mailing address: 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 bumper sticker
- Invitation to events, including our Legislative Summit and Vision Meeting in the spring, and the ATV Minnesota Ride & Rally in the fall, 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

As a business member, for \$75 you receive:

All of the above, plus:

- Your business name, address, phone number, email address and website listed in 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
- An official ATV Minnesota membership certificate for display in your business

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