

Welcome New ATVAM Clubs: FireFrost ATV Club Mille Lacs Trails Inc.

## ATVAM Newsletter - March 9, 2020

Newsletter of the ATV Association of Minnesota (Est. 1983) "Your Voice for ATV Recreation In Minnesota"

- -Send your comments, club news, photos and article ideas to: dvhalsey@gmail.com.
- -Forward this email to club partners and business sponsors if they aren't ATVAM members already.
- -All members should receive this newsletter and MN OffRoad magazine. Let us know if you're not.

#### Please note:

Send member renewals to new mailing address: ATVAM, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079 E-newsletters are now archived on atvam.org to refer back to on topics.

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# Tapping Into Gambling Funds For Your Club's ATV Trails & Safety Training (How to request funds from pull-tab operators)

#### Second in a series on raising funds for ATV clubs.



By Dave Halsey, ATVAM
Communications Director
We love our pull-tabs in Minnesota...and
our meat raffles and bingo. We also love
our ATV trails and the clubs and
volunteers that build and maintain them.
Did you know that DNR-related projects
for trail maintenance and safety education
qualify for use of gambling funds?

As shown on form LG555, they are among the government-approved expenditures that organizations with gambling licenses can make, donating funds to ATV clubs that are 501(c)3 non-profits, possibly also 501(c)7's. Code 13 of the Lawful Purpose Expenditures includes: "Costs related to

grooming and maintaining snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trails that are grant-in-aid trails, or other trails open to public use, provided that DNR has approved the project. Supplies and materials for safety training and education programs coordinated by the DNR."

The organizations in your local area that have gambling licenses may be interested in donating to your ATV club. You just need to ask.

According to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board, of the 1,146 licensed lawful gambling organizations in Minnesota, 154 are Lions Clubs, 89 are Hockey Associations, and 28 are snowmobile clubs. A couple of those - established in the '70s - are also now ATV Clubs.



The Mille Lacs Drift Skippers Snowmobile & ATV Clubestablished 50 years ago this month - has been involved in charitable gambling for many years. It has pull-tabs or meat raffles in seven locations in the Isle, Minnesota, area. It uses most of the gambling funds to purchase and maintain equipment to manage over 100 miles of snowmobile and ATV trails in central Minnesota, including the Red Top Loop, Foxy Trail and much of the Soo Line South Trail. The Drift Skippers club also donates gambling funds to many other non-profit organizations. The club has a policy that focuses on specific types of organizations it donates to, directs the funds locally, and

rarely accepts requests from other ATV or snowmobile clubs.

If it's a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, your ATV club could follow the lead of the Drift Skippers and look into becoming a charitable gambling organization. It requires a major commitment and the ability to follow strict gambling rules. To learn more, go to the website of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board, at this <a href="link:">link:</a> <a href="https://mn.gov/gcb/index.html">https://mn.gov/gcb/index.html</a>.

	Keep this completed form attached to the LG1010 Schedule C in your organization's records. You do not need to submit this form to the Gambling Control Board.
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В.	prosecutorial agency, such as a police department, county sheriff, or county attorney.  Wildlife management project or activity that benefits the public at large, with approval by the DNR
с.	Grooming and maintaining snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trails established under Minnesota Statute 84.83 and 84.927, including purchase or lease of equipment, with approval by DNR. All trails must be open to public use. Supplies and materials for safety training and educational programs coordinated by the DNR, including
	the Enforcement Division.
	Citizen monitoring of surface water quality testing for public waters by individuals or nongovernmental organizations, with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) guidance on monitoring procedures, quality assurance protocols, and data management, providing that data is submitted to the PCA.
3. Descr	ribe the proposed expenditure, including vendors.
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ali-terra	NR-RELATED PROJECTS: I affirm that when lawful gambling tupeds are-ased for grooming and maintaining snowmobile or ain vehicle trails or for any wildlife management project for yatrift praffibursement is received from a unit of government, mbursement funds must be deposited in our lawful gambling account and recorded on the LG 1910 Setdeuble C report.
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You can also contact the organizations in your area with charitable gambling, ask about their policy related to donations, and see if your DNR-connected safety education program or trail maintenance project qualifies. Some charitable gambling organizations prefer that you come to a meeting to introduce yourself and the project you're trying to fund. Others simply require that you submit a written request. It may or may not be approved.

"Keep in mind, the organization that does the gambling may have parameters, because they are using gambling funds to fulfill their mission," said Tina Chapman, CEO of the Drift Skippers and its gambling program. "Our mission is to maintain trails and that's what the vast

majority of our funds are used for."

If you get the green light to request funds, the organization with the gambling license will help you meet the requirements, including filling out the LG555 form. If your request is over \$500, they will have someone with the DNR, such as a Regional Training Officer or Area Supervisor, acknowledge that the request qualifies, and sign the form. To download form LG555, go to this website:

https://mn.gov/gcb/assets/lg555-gov-approval-for-use-of-gambling-funds.pdf



In 2019, over \$180 million was available for lawful purpose contributions. To see a complete list of active lawful gambling organizations in Minnesota, go to this

link: https://mn.gov/gcb/assets/listorgalpha.pdf

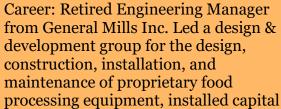
If your club already gets gambling funds, or has success with this effort, please let us know so we can share your story with other ATVAM clubs.

#### **Get To Know Your**

### **ATVAM Executive Board Members**

#### Perry May ATVAM Director at Large

Residence: I split my time between Rogers and Outing. Married to wife Teri, with two adult children Matthew and Devin.



equipment globally on six continents (North America, Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe, South America). Currently volunteer with Partners in Food Solutions, designing food process systems for African Food Producers.

Past jobs: Tool & Die Maker, Machinist, College Football Coach, General Mills James Ford Bell Technical Center Shop Manager, Engineering Manager.

ATV club: Over the Hills Gang ATV Club, President, and Project Manager for Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail.





Perry was named 2019 NOHVCC Volunteer of the Year.

Wacker Neuson 3001 Articulated Dumper, and a Chevy Silverado 4x4.

"I have a group of friends going back to elementary school days. We find one weekend in late September/early.

and riding until you can't."

Other ATV industry organizations: Participate on a regular basis with NOHVCC through webinars and Great Trail Workshops. 2019 NOHVCC Volunteer of the Year. Attend MMTC meetings. Facilitate MN OHV Trails Workshop. Former ATVAM Region 3 Director, ATVAM 2nd VP, ATVAM 1st VP, now ATVAM Director at Large. Member of Aitkin County Northwoods Alliance.

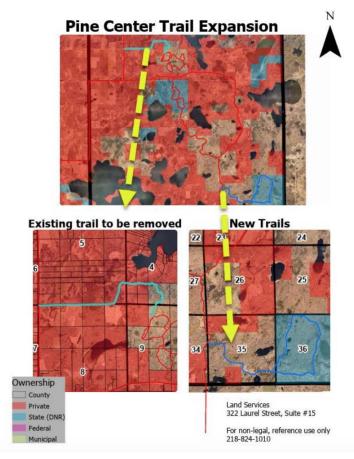
Vehicles: Three Class I ATVs, a John Deere 3032Tractor, a

"I have a group of friends going back to elementary school days. We find one weekend in late September/early October each year to archery hunt in the morning, ATV ride in the afternoon, fish in the evening, and sit by the campfire to BS until the next day. Our group song is "Don't let the Old Man In" by Toby Keith. Keep hunting, fishing

(Thanks to Perry for his hard work with his club and for ATVAM. As Director at Large, he is traveling all over the state, visiting with current and new ATVAM member clubs. He is also leading a number of ATVAM projects, including the MN OHV Trail Workshops, GIA Improvement Project and others.)

Please Take A Minute To Comment In Favor Of Pine Center Trail Expansion

(Every comment counts! Deadline: March 22)



## **Crow Wing County Seeking Public Comments**

Crow Wing County Land Services is requesting public comment on a proposal to designate an additional 4 miles of existing trails and remove 2 miles of existing Grant-In-Aid (GIA) Trails as an update to this multiple use recreation trail system located within Roosevelt Township in southeastern Crow Wing County.

The proposal and criteria evaluation can be accessed by searching for "Recreation" on Crow Wing County's website, www.crowwing.us or by clicking on the following link:

http://www.crowwing.us/289/Recreation.

Copies are also available from the Land Services Department located at 322 Laurel Street in Brainerd during the business hours of 8am to 5pm, or by contacting the Department at (218) 824-1010.

Please comment today! Include your name, address, if you enjoy riding the Pine Center ATV Trail, and other points in support of expansion.

#### Written comments may be:

- -Emailed to landservices@crowwing.us (Please include "Pine Center Trail" in the subject line)
- -Mailed to Crow Wing County Land Services Department, Attn: Pine Center Trail, Land Services Building, 322 Laurel Street, Suite #15, Brainerd, MN 56401; or, -Faxed to (218) 824-1126.

Written comments on the proposed trail system modifications will be accepted through March 22, 2020.

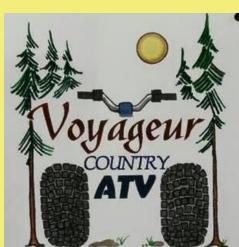
The North Metro ATV Club maintains the Pine Center Trail, and encourages everyone to comment in favor of its trail expansion project. Thanks!

## Update On Vermilion Falls Trail Enhancements



From Voyageur Country ATV
Our winter 2019/2020 project is
improving 6 miles of snowmobile
trail connecting the resort
community of Crane Lake with the
U.S. Forest Service Recreation and
Picnic Area at Vermilion Falls, a
popular tourist stop for almost 90
years. Two years ago, Voyageur
Country ATV constructed new
picnic sites at the Falls. Now we are
working on the multi-use
snowmobile/ATV trail connecting
to it, getting riders off the road and
into the woods.

The project is basically hardening and shaping the trail and adding culverts where appropriate. We have cut a couple new re-routes on higher ground to eliminate the



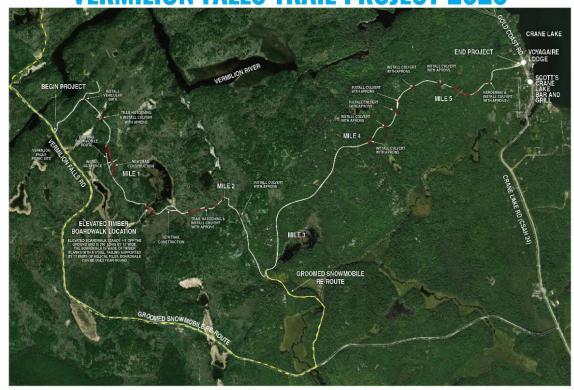
improved the snowmobile trail.

The main feature of the trail project is another new bridge or "elevated boardwalk." The bridge will be over 260' ft. in length and 12 ft. wide, crossing a wetland and beaver dam area on the western side. The bridge is wood construction and heavyduty to accommodate groomer machines, with a 10-ton weight restriction. It will have side rails about 40 inches high and constructed with 2-inch galvanized steel mesh. The bridge will be about 6-½ feet above the ground at center and will have a very minimal impact on wetlands. A good portion of the trail hardening is complete and the rest of the trail improvements will continue this spring. The

bridge is being put together now with an anticipated completion date of mid-March.

We are continuing to build out our trail system and have begun engineering, planning, and permitting on the next project -- enhancing 5-½ miles of the snowmobile trail from the VRT south to Shuster Logging Roads. Plus the club is currently working through the legislative process to secure funding to connect the City of Orr, Kabetogama Township, and Ash River.

## **VERMILION FALLS TRAIL PROJECT 2020**



## Make Sure Your Club Is Represented! Register Today For The

## **2020 ATVAM Vision Conference**



March 21-22, 2020 ATVAM Vision Conference Treasure Island Resort/Casino 5734 Sturgeon Lake Rd

5734 Sturgeon Lake Rd Welch, MN 55089 800-222-7077 www.ticasino.com

This two-day gathering is always well attended and a lot of fun, with lively discussions at the Saturday Vision Conference, and Sunday General

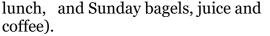
Membership Meeting. Join the Executive Board, Regional Directors and ATV club

members from across Minnesota as we tackle a wide range of topics, with one goal: a clear Vision for ATVAM, creating 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

Registration fee: \$25 per person (includes Saturday continental breakfast, deli-style





**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.

#### 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.



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 inperson 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!



## Registration Is Now Open!

## 2020 Minnesota OHV Trails Workshop April 24-25, Duquette MN

(Maximum: 40 people)



The 2020 Minnesota OHV Trails Workshop will be in Duquette, Minnesota, with field demos on trails in the Nemadji State Forest.

The workshops are always well attended, with all kinds of great information on building and maintaining sustainable OHV trails. The class has a maximum of 40 participants. Register today at atvam.org.

#### **2020 Minnesota OHV Trails Workshop**

Dates: April 24-25

Classroom Location: Kerrick Township Town Hall, Duquette, MN

Field Locations: Nemadji OHV Trails (multiple locations)

Overnight Lodging: options available in nearby Moose Lake, MN

Registration: Open at: <a href="https://www.atvam.org">www.atvam.org</a> (Max 40 people)

Cost: \$40 per participant, includes classroom and field materials, lunch each day

Sponsored By: Minnesota DNR, ATVAM, ARMCA and MN4WD

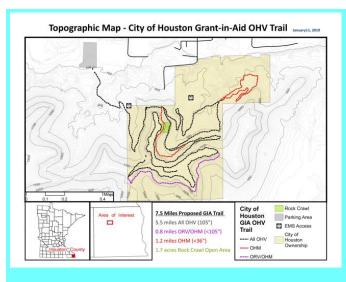
Designed For: OHV Clubs involved in Trail Maintenance, Local Government Unit

Sponsors & Land Managers, GIA Administrators, Minnesota DNR Staff

#### Topics to include:

Four E's of OHV Management: Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Evaluation Water Management / Storm Water Run-off /Creating Sustainable Trail Conditions Trail Management Coordination Trail Management Objectives

## DNR Seeks Input On Houston OHV Trail Proposal



From a DNR press release:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites public comments on a proposal by the city of Houston to obtain off-highway vehicle (OHV) grant-in-aid funding for an OHV trail. The proposed 7.5-mile trail, known as the Houston Trail, would be located in the South Park area of the city and would accommodate all-terrain vehicles, off-road vehicles and off-highway motorcycles.

In 2015, the city contracted with the U.S. Forest Service Trails Unlimited team to design a sustainable motorized

trail system. Sustainable trail systems provide an enjoyable recreational experience while reducing maintenance and potential impacts to the natural environment. The city of Houston and several OHV clubs would provide trail maintenance for the project.

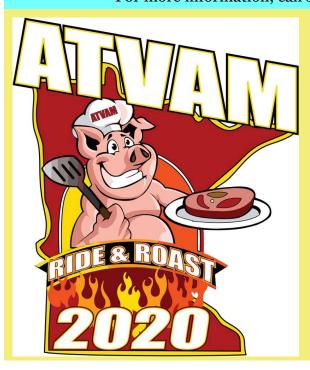
The DNR will accept written comments on the grant-in-aid proposal until 4:30 p.m. on April 6. Comments may be submitted:

Via email to jess.althoff@state.mn.us.

Via mail to Jess Althoff, area supervisor, Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota DNR, 3555 9th St. NW, Suite 350, Rochester, MN 55901.

The project proposal, a map of the proposed trail segments, and other project information can be found on the project's webpage.

For more information, call Jess Althoff at 507-206-2845.



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### **Fun ATVAM**

## & ATV Club Events Coming Up

Send your club schedule for rides/work days to: d.halsey@atvam.org .

Many ATVAM members do not belong to an ATV club and are looking for one to join, ride with and help build trails.

#### -ATVAM State-Wide Board Meeting - March 22@Vision Conf.

All ATVAM clubs have one spot on the board to participate and vote.

#### -March 21-22 - ATVAM Vision Conference

Register today at atvam.org.

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Welch, MN 55089 800-222-7077

www.ticasino.com

#### -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 open at atvam.org

#### -May 15-16 - 2020 Ride & Roast

McQuoid's Inn, Isle, MN

Register at atvam.org



-September 18-20 - ATVAM

#### **Annual Conference / Ride & Rally**

Host: Prospectors ATV Club/Ely Friday Trail Rides, Big Air ATV Tour Saturday Trail Rides, Banquet/Meeting/Auction at Grand Ely Lodge, 400 N. Pioneer Road, Ely Registration and lodging/campground options at atvam.org



**ATV Hands-On Safety Classes -** Over 30 classes across the state are now listed on the Mn DNR website. Sign up your kids 10-15 today. Details and class registration information are available at this link:

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/atv/index.html#calendar



### Region 1 Club Rides & Work Days:

Please submit for next newsletter.

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#### Region 2:

#### **Carlton County Riders - Vintage Ride**



## Carlton County Riders

## Vintage Ride

Ride Vintage Atv. Atc and Vintage Dirt Bikes or just bring some junk to swap

When: May 16, 2020 10:00am Meet 11:00am Ride

Where: Doc's dirt lot Sturgeon Lake, Mn

\*People's choice awards for nicest Honda and nicest NOT Honda\*





v.Carltoncountyriders.com 218-380-8730 for more info or check out our Facebook page

#### **Northern Traxx ATV Club**

May 16 - Spring Ride, Chisholm Trail, details to come on club Facebook page



#### **Voyageur Country ATV**

Saturday, May 2 - Spring Ride & Picnic, route tbd Sunday, May 3 - Highway Cleanup - 2 mile section of Highway 53 at Orr, and 2 mile section of County Road 24 at Echo Trail

#### White Pine Riders - Ladies ATV/UTV Ride for ALS

June 6th - Meet at the Little Moose Parking lot off Co Rd 337. Registration begins at 8:30 am, leave at 10 am. Ride the Little Moose Trail and the B & B trail with stops at the Antler Lodge & Scenic Pines. \$25 per driver, \$10 per passenger. Camping available at the Lawrence Lake Liquor: \$30 for the weekend per camper / tent. Live music 5-8 pm, a DJ from 9pm-mid night.

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#### **Region 3:**

#### **April 18 - ATVAM Region 3 All-Club Meeting**

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

#### **Over The Hills Gang ATV Club**

-May 2 - Highway Cleanup, 11:15 pm, meet at Outing ATV parking area.

#### **Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club**

#### Region 4:

Please submit for next newsletter.

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#### **Region 5:**

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#### **Region 6:**

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## Invite friends and family to join today!

## See the mailing label on MN OffRoad magazine for the renewal date of your ATVAM membership.

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

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Belonging to ATVAM, you join thousands of riders throughout the state, have fun, and help ensure the future of ATV riding in Minnesota.

#### As a family or individual member for just \$20 you receive:

- -A subscription to Minnesota OffRoad 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 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

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

All of the above, plus:

- -Your business name, address, phone number, and website listed in each issue of the  $MN\ OffRoad$  magazine and on our website
- -Discounts on advertising in MN OffRoad magazine
- -An official ATVAM membership certificate for display in your business

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



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