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"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

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Newsletter

Over 400 new members this year!

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**The New
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Minnesota Wheelin

The most-read off-road publication in Minnesota and surrounding states, with paid distribution to family and business members of the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVMN) and Minnesota 4WD Association (MN4WDA).

MINNESOTA Wheelin

South Metro Heads To The Black Hills
TRIP PLANNING TIPS & PERMITS

Black Hills ATV Adventure
Corey Monahan



Our new magazine *Minnesota Wheelin* has been an outstanding success. Since the first issue was published 3 months ago, it has attracted over 400 new members to join ATV Minnesota.

How do we follow this ATVMN milestone? With a new website for Minnesota Wheelin! It just went live, and takes ATV Minnesota to a new level of communication with its members, member clubs, business members and the riding public. It

features news and articles from the ATVMN newsletter and magazine, plus videos, club listings, an archive of past magazines, details on advertising, and the ability for advertisers to have their ads displayed digitally in addition to being in the printed magazine.

The new website will be updated weekly, and is designed to attract riders looking for more information about ATV riding in Minnesota and ATV clubs they can join.

Check it out at minnesotawheelin.org

Then let us know what kinds of information you'd like to see added to it. We are also working to create a new website for ATV Minnesota as an organization, with information on our mission, executive board and

regional directors, club and rider resources, the ATVMN store and much more. The two websites will be linked together, improving our communication to members and our outreach to ATV riders across Minnesota -- as well as those visiting our State ATV Trail systems -- through the internet and social media.

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MNORV Master Plan - On the Right Track
The Minnesota Off-Road Vehicle Master Plan process is moving into high gear!
Having kicked off this past October, the current Master Plan will identify ways to enhance ORV opportunities for all Minnesotans. This includes expanding economic benefits for local host communities, and establishing guidelines for collaborative and environmentally sustainable trail development.
Read more...

CORVA is Golden
At 27 and 24, ATV Minnesota and MINORVA are among the oldest ORV State Associations in the country, but not the oldest. That honor goes to the California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA), celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.
Read more...

FUNDING GRANTS PROJECTS

Is Grant-in-Aid Underfunded?
In a recent year, more ATV trails are being created every year and more are being considered for the future.

Do you Camp and Ride?
If so, you should consider the North Shore.

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ZEUS OFFROAD

Anti-Motorized Group Trying To Stop The B2B. Tell Riders Who Are Off-Trail: "Don't Help Them"



A group opposed to motorized recreation is trying to stop the Border to Border Touring Route, scheduled to open to Jeeps and other highway-licensed Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs)

this year in northern Minnesota.

Save The Dates!

Details for events below are on club websites or Facebook pages.

Send us your club rides and events to be listed here.

Please tell riders you see to not help them by riding off-trail or posting photos and videos on social media.

The anti's like to grab photos and videos of irresponsible riding off social media and show them in meetings at the State Capitol.

In Minnesota, riding OHVs off-trail into wetlands on private or public property is illegal, and is highly discouraged by the DNR, ATV Minnesota and ATV clubs that work hard to build and maintain our great ATV trail system. DNR COs monitor Facebook; they can and do fine riders and take away their vehicles.

The message from ATVMN and ATV clubs is clear: Ride safe. Ride responsibly. Or we all lose. And stay informed by joining ATV Minnesota at atvam.org and the ATV clubs where you live or ride.



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. McQuoid's Inn is located at 1325 State Hwy 47, Isle, 320-676-3535. Rooms are sold out for this event. More lodging and camping options are listed on the Isle Chamber of Commerce website.

May 8 - Roseau/LOW Sportsman Club - Fish Fry & Membership Drive, 4-8pm.



Does Your Club Trail Need A Porta Potty Or Two?

They're showing up more and more on State ATV Trails. (Photo: at shelter on Blind Lake Trail)

Howard Kluender with the Woods & Wheels ATV Club has informed us that WE Fest -- the

country music festival in Detroit Lakes -- has some porta potties available. His club took 6 of them. "They all need to be pressure washed, may need some fiberglass repair, signage on exterior removed, and painted," he said. There are about 20 left. For more information give Howard a call at 218-850-2943. *Nose plugs not included.*

New Trail Maps = New Members

The Roseau/Lake Of The Woods Sportsmans Club created a new ATV trail map for Beltrami Island State Forest, and in the process signed up 37 new business members to ATV Minnesota that also advertised on their map. The maps are free and available at the businesses featured on the map. There are hundreds of miles of trails and great riding! Learn more about the maps and the club's May 8th Fish Fry and Membership Drive on Facebook.



Some May 1st Trail Openings

Details on club Facebook page.

May 8 - Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club - Spring Meeting & Club Ride, 9 am Hackensack Theater parking lot. Ride to Whipholt Beach.

See club website for more details.

May 21 - South Metro ATV Club - Spring Ride, 10 am at Pine Center Trails. See club website for details.

May 22 - Carlton County Riders - Vintage Ride, 10 am at Docs Bar & Grill, Sturgeon Lake.
June 19 - 5th Annual Pig Roast, 3pm, Nemadji State Forest. Details for both on club Facebook page.

May 22 - Rapids Riders ATV Club Spring Ride & Membership Drive, UPM-Blandin Trail. Groups leaving every 30 minutes starting at 9am. See Facebook page for details.

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

May 22 - Northern Traxx ATV Club - Spring Ride on

May Be Delayed.

Know Before You Go.

Across the state, ATV clubs and the Minnesota DNR are working hard to prepare trails for the 2021 riding season. Removing windfalls, replacing culverts, repairing bridges, hauling gravel. They give it their best, as always, then make the tough decision to open trails to the riding public or keep them closed a little longer to dry out and make sure they are safe for the riding public.

Before you head out to ride, always check out the Minnesota DNR website that shows open/closed status for State ATV Trails and State Forest roads.

Tap on this link to see it:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ohv/closures.html>

Chisholm Trail. See Facebook page for details.

June 9-13 - High Lifter Mud Nationals

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.

June 19 - Over The Hills Gang ATV Club - Annual Pork-N-Ride, Log Cabin Bar, Emily. 8 guided rides, BBQ, raffles. Details on Facebook.

June 26 - White Pine Riders - 12th Annual Fun Run & Raffle, Denham Run Bar & Grill, Sturgeon Lake. See Facebook page for details.

June 26-27 - Minnesota ATV Riders - "Ride The Shore", 10 am, Silver Bay. Details on Facebook page.

September 17-19 - ATV Minnesota State Convention. This year our "Ride & Rally" returns to the Ely area with a fun 3-day schedule, guided rides, our banquet, raffles and the ATV Big Air Tour. It's hosted again this year by the Prospector ATV Club. Details, sponsorship opportunities, and registration now open at **atvam.org**.

September 17-19, 2021 in Ely, Babbitt, Embarrass & Tonawanda
ATV Minnesota State Convention 2021

Hosted by Pioneer Mine, Ely, Minnesota, National Register of Historic Places






ATVMN Ride and Rally Sept 17-19, 2021
Schedule of Events

FRIDAY 9.17.21

- 8am.....Registration opens
- 8am.....Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall Embarrass
- 10am.....VIP Rides Begin
- Noon-2pm.....VIP Lunch on Lake Vermillion
- Time TBA.....ATV Big Air Tour in Babbitt
- 5pm-7.....Dinner Specials at Local Restaurants

SATURDAY 9.18.21

- 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 ATVMN
- 5-7:30pm..... ATVMN Ride and Rally Banquet
- 7pm.....General Membership Meeting & Election

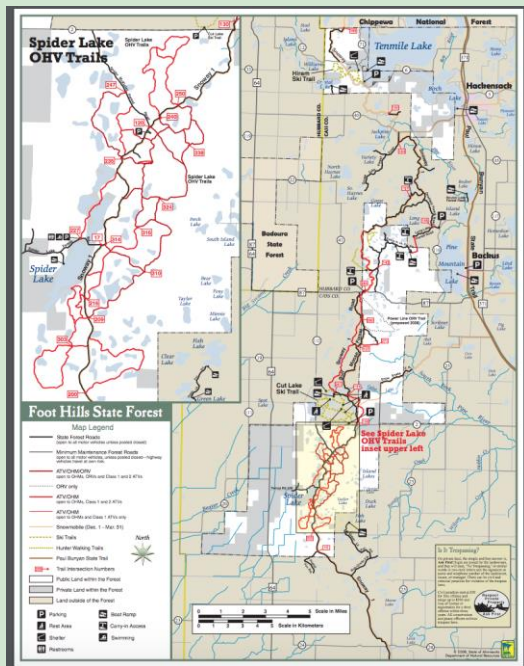
ATVMN Live Auction to follow

SUNDAY 9.19.21

- 9am.....ATVMN board meeting at Grand Ely Lodge

Register for Ride and Rally 2021 at ATVAM.org. Price for Friday's guided ride and VIP lunch. Guided ATV rides Saturday and Saturday night banquet \$35. Kids 12 and under FREE at all events.

**How Can The Spider Lake
and Foot Hills Trails Be Improved?
Comment Today On A 3-Question Survey**



The Minnesota DNR invites public comments, announces April 26th meeting on recreational trail revisions within the Foot Hills State Forest.

The DNR encourages people to learn about and comment on potential trail revisions within the Foot Hills State Forest in Cass County during an online public meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 26. Comments and ideas may also be submitted by 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 14.

As part of its Minnesota State Forest Trail Revision project, the DNR is considering a number of measures to improve trail sustainability and enhance user experience for both motorized and

non-motorized uses within the Foot Hills State Forest. Potential measures include adding connections to facilities and amenities, adding new trails, and rerouting or closing unsustainable trails.

The Foot Hills State Forest is popular among off-highway vehicle users, hunters and cross-country skiers. Existing trail opportunities include the 26-mile Spider Lake OHV Trail System and 25 kilometers of cross-country ski trails. The potential revisions do not involve changes to forest-wide motor vehicle use classifications, other state forest recreation facilities like campgrounds or day-use areas, or state corridor trails specifically authorized in statute.

During the April 26 public meeting, DNR Parks and Trails staff will present a summary of the project, answer questions and take written and oral comments. Meeting participants are encouraged to use the comment form (link below).

Visit the Minnesota State Forest Trail Revision Project webpage for links to information on the project and meeting details. Meeting attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing foresttrailplanning.dnr@state.mn.us.

For those who cannot attend the meeting, comments and ideas can be submitted via fax to 651-297-1157, by email via the online comment form or by mail to: Joe Unger, Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota DNR, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4039. For more information, contact Dave Schotzko

(david.schotzko@state.mn.us), area supervisor, Parks and Trails Division, 218-308-2367, or visit the Minnesota State Forest Trail Revisions Project web page. People who require a special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact Joe Unger by April 21- joe.unger@state.mn.us .

Link to the 3-question survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RrAU68QkGUWPJricIVmCjF7evxRKA_FKoBdGep5L_YVUNTdYRVJSMEIzVVdaMkVBSIJTU1RBRklQWS4u



Question From A Member:

Can a youth take the hands-on ATV Safety Training Class in a 570 ACE if they fit in it? If not, can they do the test in a youth Ranger 150, a side-by-side designed for youth?

We asked Bruce Lawrence with DNR Enforcement. The answer appears to be very specific on what is allowed. According to a training update, dated August 2017, the Ranger 150 is acceptable, but the 570 ACE doesn't make the cut. Details below. For more information on youth regs and training requirements -- and a list of scheduled ATV certification courses -- visit the DNR website at: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/atv/index.html>



ATV Safety Training Update

Youth size Side by Side ATVs can be used in an ATV Safety Training class

ATV Safety Instructors may allow youth to operate a side by side ATV which meets the Class 1 ATV definition to complete the ATV safety training hands-on course requirements.

A Class 1 ATV may have a steering wheel, roll-over protection structure, and foot pedals. The maximum width dimensions are 50 inches from outside rim to outside rim.

Important points

- ✓ Students will need to have permission from ATV instructor to bring a side by side ATV for the “hands-on” course testing
- ✓ The student will be **required** to “fit” the side by side ATV
- ✓ Reach the steering wheel and foot controls of a class 1 all-terrain vehicle with side-by-side style seating while sitting upright in the seat with the seat belt fully engaged.
- ✓ The student will operate and demonstrate use of side by side ATV on the same hands-on course used for ATVs with handlebar steering

Ramp system exemption: When operating youth side-by-side ATVs, it is suggested that students don't conduct the “side-hill” practical component of the ramp system. At the discretion of the Instructor, youth may be allowed to drive “up and over ramp” system.]

Examples: Polaris 170 RZR® & Polaris Indy ACE® 150

Specs: Overall Vehicle size (L x W x H) 85” x 48” x 55”



From the ATVMN Communications Team:

- Send your comments, club news, photos and article ideas to: d.halsey@atvam.org
- Forward this email to club partners and business sponsors if they aren't members already.
- All members should receive this newsletter and Minnesota Wheelin magazine. Let us know if you're not. Please note: ATVAM is also referred to as ATV Minnesota.
- Send member renewals to: 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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Invite friends and family to join today. Gift memberships available! See the mailing label on your Minnesota Wheelin 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 in winter, Vision Meeting and Ride & Roast in the spring, and State Convention "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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