

ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

June 30, 2021

Newsletter

*Over 600 new members this year!
Welcome!*

Bill Crucial For New ATV Trails & Grant-in-Aid Program Passes In St. Paul

*(An important legislative update
from ATV Minnesota's lobbyists)*



By Ray Bohn, Media & Government Affairs, & Tom Hackbarth

Two budget bills are still making their way through the 2021 1st Special Legislative Session. The not so special session anymore was convened on June 14, 2021, to finalize the budget bills not passed during the regular session. Even with the

additional time, two budget bills (Taxes & K-12 Ed) are moving towards agreement by 12:00 midnight today, Wednesday, June 30, 2021. The prospect for passage of these two bills is good at this time.

A Successful Session On Our Initiatives

We are happy to announce that the Environment & Natural Resources Finance Omnibus bill (Chpt. 6, SF20-HF5) has been passed by both bodies and signed by the Governor. So now we can safely report to you the results of our efforts.

ATV Minnesota had another successful session on our initiatives at the Capitol due to the help of many legislators and supporters. Below are outlined our successes and those issues/items we will need to monitor or act on again in the future sessions.

Appropriations:

1. Passed: One-time additional funding for the Prospector Trail: \$955,000 FY22
2. Passed: One-time additional funding for the Voyageur Trail: \$950,000 FY 22
3. Passed: One-time funding for a Statewide ATV Master Plan & trails inventory: \$250,000 FY22
4. Passed: Base funding increase for ATV Grant-in-Aid trails funding of \$300,000 per year. (Increases GIA funding per year in the base future funding to \$2,435,000.)
5. Passage of extension of funding for a prior appropriation for Prospector Trail to June 30, 2023.

Policy:

1. Our repeal of the non-controversial "low-pressure tire" language in the ATV definition statute did not pass. It was included in both bills (and supported by the DNR) going into conference committee. We will need to

- research what happened and work to get the low-pressure tire provision repealed in the future.
2. No action on any provisions dealing with the Outdoor Recreation Task Force.
 3. No action on any other legislative bills introduced (riding on the shoulder of state highways, etc).

Thank You To Everyone Who Supported These Efforts

Remember to say “thanks” to all the legislators who helped us with our legislation, especially the chief authors, Sen. Tom Bakk and Rep. Rob Ecklund, as well as Sen. Tomassoni, Sen. Eichorn, Sen. Ingebrigtsen, and Sen. Koran.

Other House members to thank include Rep. Sundin, Rep. Lislegard, Rep Igo, Rep. Lillie, Rep. Lueck, and Rep Heintzeman. We would also like to recognize and thank Jeff Anderson, who lobbied very effectively for the Prospector and Voyageur Trails on behalf of all ATVerS! Be sure to thank him for his hard work!

-----*Editor's Note* -----

Every Trail Decision Is A Political Decision

Planning, funding, building and maintaining ATV trails requires working closely with public officials at the township, city, county, state and federal levels. Patience, perseverance and a positive attitude are key to success.

Thanks to our long-time and very experienced lobbyists, Ray and Tom, for their work with ATV Minnesota, and to all the State Legislators who supported our initiatives this year.

We always point out that a benefit of membership in ATV Minnesota is having lobbyists working on behalf of the ATV clubs, their members and the riding public. This year's success is a great example of that.

Please post this important news on your ATV club's website, Facebook page or newsletter, and share it with friends and family who ride our state's great ATV trail systems.

Be sure to have your club attend this year's ATV Minnesota Legislative Summit, where it all begins, as we work toward building new trails that are fun and sustainable, and have more great ribbon-cutting celebrations.



Congratulations

To David Andrews Jr.

Named 2020 ATV Instructor Of The Year

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has named David Andrews Jr., a volunteer ATV safety instructor in Grand Rapids, as the 2020 ATV Instructor of the Year.

Andrews, an active and founding member of the Rapids Riders ATV Club, has been a volunteer ATV safety instructor and active in the DNR's Volunteer Trail Ambassador program since 2007. In that time, he's taught about 1,200 students as part of 40 classes. In addition, he's a volunteer firearms safety instructor and active in several other local and statewide conservation and community organizations.

"Whether he's teaching new riders in class, or reinforcing safe riding habits among the people he meets on the trail through his work as a Trail Ambassador, David has a long track record of helping people enjoy the outdoors safely," said DNR Conservation Officer Tom Sutherland, who is stationed in Grand Rapids. "He goes above and beyond to ensure people have the skills they need to enjoy a lifetime of safe riding."

Andrews is among the nearly 1,000 volunteer ATV safety instructors who work with DNR conservation officers to deliver ATV safety training certification. For details on safety courses and training, see

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/atv/index.html>.

For more information on ATV regulations in the state, see

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

Photo above: Minnesota DNR Conservation Officer Tom Sutherland recently presented David Andrews Jr. with a plaque commemorating his selection as 2020 ATV instructor of the year.

Public Input Invited On David Dill/Arrowhead State Trail

The DNR is now accepting comments on the draft Master Plan for the David Dill/Arrowhead State Trail. The plan updates the original (1980) trail plan and will permit all existing uses, plus reviews the trail to allow OHV use. The plan as well as instructions to comments may be found under the "Master Plan Review" tab on the [trail webpage](#).

Here is the link:

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_trails/arrowhead/index.html

The 135-mile David Dill/Arrowhead State Trail extends from ten miles west of Tower at the

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.

July 10 - Woodtick Wheelers

Club Ride on Bigfork to Balsam Trail. See Facebook page for details.

intersection with the Taconite State Trail to Ericsburg, ten miles south of International Falls. This long-distance, natural surface trail was developed mainly for winter use and is used primarily for snowmobiling.

"The Master Plan review is updating this plan from 1980 and considering some new use in certain areas," said Ron Potter, ATVMN president. "Currently the only motorized use allowed on this state trail is snowmobile, some segments are being considered for OHV use under this Master Plan revision. Your comments and support of this change are needed and greatly appreciated."

Deadline & Public Meeting

Comments will be accepted until July 29 and the DNR will host a public review open house at Cook Community Center, 510 Gopher Drive, Cook, MN, 55723) from 6-8 PM on July 7.

Club Holds "ATV Safety Week" June 28 to July 4

From the Over The Hills Gang:

We will post seven days of ATV Safety related messages on our club Facebook page, and on Saturday July 3rd, 2021, we will be promoting ATV Safety Day with a small tent full of information in Emily, and certified MN DNR Safety Instructors answering questions.

Three teams of MN DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassadors will help to monitor the trails, and we have invited law enforcement personnel from the Emily City Police, MN DNR Conservation Officers, and Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department to join us.

Our small communities of Emily, Outing and Fifty Lakes are exceedingly popular ATV riding destinations. We have great trails with great local amenities such as campgrounds, motels, restaurants,

July 22-25 - South Metro ATV Club Ride in the Paul Bunyan State Forest. Details at club website.

July 23-25 - Lake Country ATV Riders Ride in Nemadji State Forest. Details on club 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.

bars, gas stations, ice cream shops and powersports shops that add to the rider experience.

The sport of ATV recreation has a large economic impact on our area; however, we are also observing the growing pains which include some poor riding behaviors and uninformed riders.

Over the Hills Gang ATV Club
ATV SAFETY DAY
July 3rd, 2021

Join Us!

Saturday, July 3rd from 11am-4pm

📍 At the Intersection of Bloomquist Ave & MN Hwy 6 - Just North of Sweets N Such

Visits By:

- DNR Personnel
- Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office
- Emily Police
- MN Trail Ambassadors
- OTHG Club Members

Pick up a Safety Brochure & get the information you need!







Emily, Outing, Fifty Lakes Lions Club

🕒 **11:00am - 2:00pm**

\$5.00

Hot Dog or Brat with chips & drink

Fundraiser for Community Activities

overthehillsgang.org

The "Four E's" of effective trail management are Enforcement, Education, Engineering, and Evaluation. The goal of ATV Safety Week and ATV Safety Day is Education, to provide the many ATV riders coming into our community with some beginning steps to be safe and informed. Over 200 riders visited us in 2020 in downtown Outing. Our hope is to have the same number of contacts this year.

As an added bonus, we will be joined by the Emily, Outing & Fifty Lakes Lions Club, who will be selling a hot dog meal. If you're in the area on July 3rd, be sure to stop by and visit with us in downtown Emily, right off the Emily-Outing ATV Trail.

September 17-19, 2021 in Ely, Babbitt, Embarras
ATV Minnesota State Convention




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

FRIDAY 9.17.21

8am.....Registration opens
8am.....Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall Embarras
10am.....VIP Rides Begin
Noon-2pm.....VIP Lunch on Lake Vermilion
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 at 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

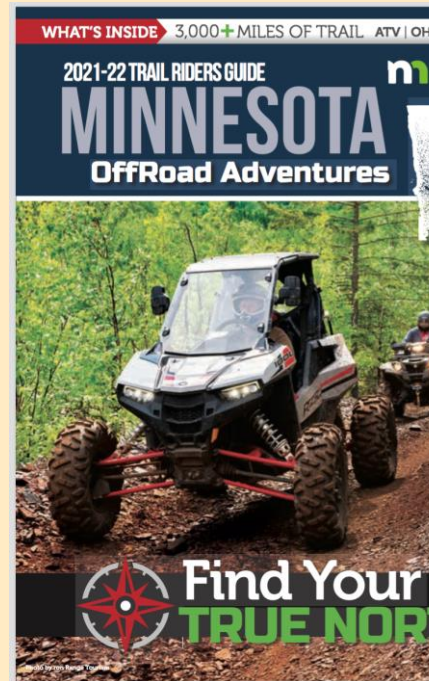
SUNDAY 9.19.21

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

Register for Ride and Rally 2021 at ATVMN.org. Price for Friday's guided ride, Guided ATV rides Saturday and Saturday night banquet \$35. Kids 12 and under \$15.

Thank You Advertisers!

The July/August issue of our new magazine *Minnesota Wheelin* will arrive in your mailbox soon. It includes the all-new *Explore Minnesota OffRoad Trail Riders Guide*, a 28-page insert with details on all the State ATV Trails, including QR codes to easily download trail maps on phones and tablets.



ATV Minnesota and its members thank all the businesses and organizations that have placed ads in the magazine and insert, supporting our ability to publish a magazine for the members of ATVMN and the MN4WDA. Please give them your business and thank them for their support.

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**KEEP THE FUN GOING AFTER THE 4TH!
VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT ERX OFF-ROAD NATIONAL**
*(Bring a non-member with you to help
and they get a free ATV Minnesota membership)*

**THE ERX OFF-ROAD NATIONAL
Volunteer Time Slots: July 5-11
Race days: July 9-10, 2021**

This is a fun weekend and a fund-raiser for ATVMN.

Sign up for a 6 or 8-hour shift and you get:

FREE Entrance (\$45 Value) - And bring your ATV to get around!

FREE Camping - One night per shift worked (\$60+ Value)

FREE Meal during your shift

FREE T-shirt designating you as a volunteer

(6 and 8-hour shifts available Monday July 5 to Sunday July 11)

**Want to bring a friend to work with but they're not
an ATV Minnesota member? No problem.**

Have them sign up for a 6 or 8-hour shift with you.

They also get all of the above plus:

Free ATV Minnesota membership

(\$20 first-year dues paid at the event)

Includes: Subscription to new Minnesota Wheelin magazine,

ATV Minnesota twice-monthly newsletter...And more!

(Free membership good for new members only, not membership renewals)

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MONDAY JULY 5TH!
SIGNUP DETAILS AND TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE AT ATVAM.ORG!**

This is a family-friendly event complete with a vendor area, Kidz Zone, food trucks, camping, music, beer tents & more!

See the ERX Off-Road National website for more information,
at erxmotorpark.com

Thanks to everyone who has worked at ERX at past events, helping us raise funds for ATV Minnesota projects! And thanks to everyone who signs up for this fun weekend and ATV Minnesota fundraiser!

Please forward this invitation to friends and family who might be interested in helping at the event and getting a free ATVMN membership!



Update On Volunteering At The State Fair

The **ATV Booth Volunteer Page** is now set up. You can use it to fill out a volunteer application and sign up for shifts. Some of you may have already signed up using the Doodle poll, but I ask that you use this new link to sign up. The application makes it much easier to collect the necessary volunteer

information and provides you with the background check paperwork. Here is the link:

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicEnterprise/EnterpriseActivity?enterpriseGuid=2057f555-daa6-474b-9a88-df1a6f923096&activityGuid=90ee2422-b921-4477-bfe6-07f1795719c1&searchUrl=https%253a%252f%252fapp.betterimpact.com%252fPublicEnterprise%252fEnterpriseSearch%253fEnterpriseGuid%253d2057f555-daa6-474b-9a88-df1a6f923096%2526SearchType%253dOrganization%2526SearchId%253d25327>

I've received news this week that the DNR Booth hours have been extended to 9pm, so volunteers are greatly needed. I'll be putting in an order for tickets by the July 14th deadline, so please sign up as soon as possible.

Katrina Gonzales

Off-Highway Vehicle Specialist | Division of Parks and Trails

From the ATV MN Communications Team:

-Send your comments, club news, photos and article ideas to:

d.halsey@atvam.org

-Forward this email newsletter to club partners and business sponsors if they aren't ATVMN 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.



ATVAM



RIDE & RALLY

Annual Convention

Sept 17 - 19, 2021

Hosted by Prospector ATV Club

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This year's ATVAM Ride & Rally will be our biggest ever! Hundreds of riders from across the state will be attending, as well as many elected officials, public land managers and DNR staff and COs. **We invite your business to sponsor this great 3-day event:**

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$250

SILVER SPONSOR: \$500

GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,000

All sponsors will be highlighted and recognized throughout Ride & Rally, on printed material and posters at event locations. If you have a company poster, banner or flag, we will display that for you as well.

Please pay online at atvam.org or mail a check by September 1, 2021, so we have time to add your business name or logo to all materials.

Mail check to: ATVAM, P.O. Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079

Email logo to: logo@atvam.org ATVAM is a 501(c) 4 non-profit organization.

ATVAM, its executive board and 80 member clubs work hard year-round to:

- Promote safe, responsible ATV riding. -Advance legislation to fund public ATV trails. -Partner with the Minnesota DNR to spend the dedicated ATV Fund wisely.
- Provide ATV clubs with the "tools" to build trails that are fun and sustainable.

Thanks For Supporting the ATVAM Annual Convention!

Questions? Email ATVAM at atvamoffice@atvam.org. Or call 800-442-8826

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Dedicated Volunteers
Building Fun &
Sustainable
ATV Trails
For The Riding Public

**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:

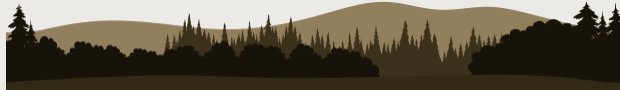
All of the above, plus:

- Your business name and contact information listed in Minnesota Wheelin magazine and on the ATV Minnesota website
- Discounts on advertising in Minnesota Wheelin
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- An official ATV Minnesota membership certificate for display in your business

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