

ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

September 3, 2021

Newsletter

Over 700 new members this year!

Welcome!

Get Ready To Ride & Rally!

Only Minor Changes Due To Greenwood Fire.

Register Today!



Great news for this year's ATVMN State Convention!

The U.S. Forest Service has reopened the route from Ely to Babbitt following containment on the north and east sides of the Greenwood Fire.

"We're back on track with the guided rides for Saturday," said Prospector ATV Club president Nick Wognum. "We haven't had any smoke in Ely for over a week and with the BWCA opening back up, life is returning to normal."

There are 12 different rides for people to choose from on the website for Saturday. "If you're coming up for the VIP ride on Friday or even if you're going to

be here Friday afternoon, be sure to come to Babbitt for the ATV Big Air Show at 5 p.m. It's free and it's a going to be a great time," said Wognum.



The Ride and Rally event starts with the VIP ride on Friday followed by the Big Air Show, and rides across the Prospector Trail system on Saturday. Then it's over to the Miners Dry building at Ely's historic Pioneer Mine for the banquet and live auction.

"We're rolling out the red carpet Saturday night. We do have a limit on the number of people that can attend, so if you haven't registered yet, do so today," said Wognum.

Please register separately for the Friday VIP ride and the Saturday guided ride of your choice, or choose the self-guided option. It's all at atvam.org.



Reminder from Ron Potter ATVMN President

We are asking that each ATV club provide items worth at least \$100.00 for the auction, or a cash donation of equal value.

If your club is sending cash, Visa cards, gift cards or auction donations, please mail them now, directly to the host club at this address: Prospectors Alliance ATV, c/o Ely Echo, 15 East Chapman Street, Ely, MN 55731. Any questions and comments about donations, please contact Ann Johnson at (218) 343-3610 or email at amjohnson@frontiernet.net . If you plan on attending the State Convention and will bring your auction items with you, please let Ann know. Thanks!



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

Three Sponsorship Levels Also Available.

Event sponsorships are available for ATV clubs and businesses of all kinds to support the event, in gold, silver and bronze levels. See more details at atvam.org.

Thank you for your assistance. This is your Convention, let's make it the best it can be. If you have any questions please let me know or contact one of the State Board members.

Best regards,

Ron

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ATV MN

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**Registrations Going Strong
For 2021 ATVMN State Convention**
*Choose from 12 Great Rides (or self-guided ride option)
At This Year's "Fall Ride & Rally"*

**Ride New Trails Completed This Summer.
See Details & Maps For All 12 Rides At ATVAM.org**

Photos from 2020 event by Heather Ann



Two Of Many Community Events Supporting Good Causes This Summer



Big Turnout At Kilkenny Fire Dept 2021 ATV Ride

(From Fire Dept Facebook page)

What an amazing turnout for our annual ATV run! You all showed up BIG with our largest run yet! We had 449 wheelers and 781 people at the ride. We can't say thank you enough for coming out for the day to help support the Kilkenny Fire Department.

You braved the dust from the drought and the heat to show up strong to support our firefighters and EMS professionals. Our firefighters even answered and left to go out on a call during the ride. We sincerely hope you had a great time. See you next year!



Vets Ride Donates \$4,000

(From SxS Kings
Facebook page)

The SxS Kings Vets Ride 2021 is in the books! There were 89+ machines. Thank you to all who came out and rode in support of the Minnesota Military Family Foundation. With your help and that of all our sponsors, we were able to make a \$4,000 donation!



Good News In Crow Wing County: Township Ordinance Reversed, Opening Roads Once Again To ATVs

By Ken Irish, ATVMN Regional Director

An ordinance to restrict the use of ATVs on Irondale Township roads in Crow Wing County was passed in 2007. At the time, the Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV club was working with the county to designate the Miller-Black Bear Trail for ATV recreation. There was much misinformation spread around the area about ATVs running all over the county, at the same time that we were trying to designate the trail area. Irondale, Wolford and Perry Lake Townships all passed ordinances to restrict the use of ATVs on their township roads.

The club continued to work with the county and the Miller-Black Bear Trail eventually became a legal riding area. Our club submitted a trail application this spring to add 12.5 miles of new trails to the area. Our club also maintains the Mississippi Northwoods Trail, and our future plans are to connect this to the Miller-Black Bear Trail. Members of our club had been in discussion with Irondale Township since early last year to remove the ordinance. We needed the use of a township road to make the trail connection to the Mississippi Northwoods Trail. The township posted the meeting in the Crosby Courier and held a public meeting on July 27; thirteen people came to support rescinding the ordinance. There was not any opposition verbally or written, and the town board members voted unanimously to remove the ordinance. Much of the success and credit goes to Dale Carry, Russ Heittola, Dave Wille, and many other club members who attended the meetings.
*Ken Irish, president
Cuyuna Iron Range Riders*



ATV Club Introduces Hundreds of Kids To Off-road Riding

Think about giving 750 kids a ride in your club's ATVs...in 6 hours. That's exactly what members of the Runestone Off-road ATV Riders (ROAR) did. It happened Sunday, August 29th, at the Youth Outdoor Activity Day, held annually in Alexandria, Minnesota. The free rides were one of 40 hands-on activities for

kids. ROAR used vehicles owned by its members or provided for the day by local ATV dealers. Kids donned hair nets and helmets, and climbed aboard a Class 1 or Class 2 ATV for an off-road ride three-quarters of a mile long. For many it was their first time on an ATV, making it a great opportunity for the club to talk about ATV safety with the kids and their parents.

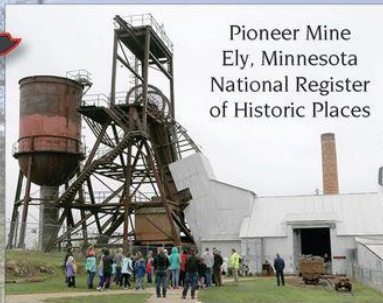
Youth Outdoor Activity Day is a free family-friendly event intended to provide a fun environment for youth to learn about outdoor recreation. Activities include building a bird feeder, archery, hunting, dog training, angling and many other related skills. It is hosted and organized by two non-profit groups, Viking Sportsmen Inc. and Douglas County Pheasants Forever, and is made possible through a consortium of participating volunteer organizations, businesses, individuals, and donors.



Also on hand at this year's event was the OHV safety education trailer of the Coalition of Recreational Trail Users (CRTU). Positioned next to the ROAR exhibit, the trailer is used by CRTU board members (representing ATVMN, ARMCA, MnUSA and MN4WDA) to answer questions and provide trail maps, reg books and

other handouts related to riding ATVs, dirt bikes, snowmobiles and 4WD trucks on Minnesota's State OHV trails. Hundreds of kids played two games at the booth, answering questions about OHV regulations and safe riding, and winning prizes.

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



Pioneer Mine
Ely, Minnesota
National Register
of Historic Places

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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 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 @ 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

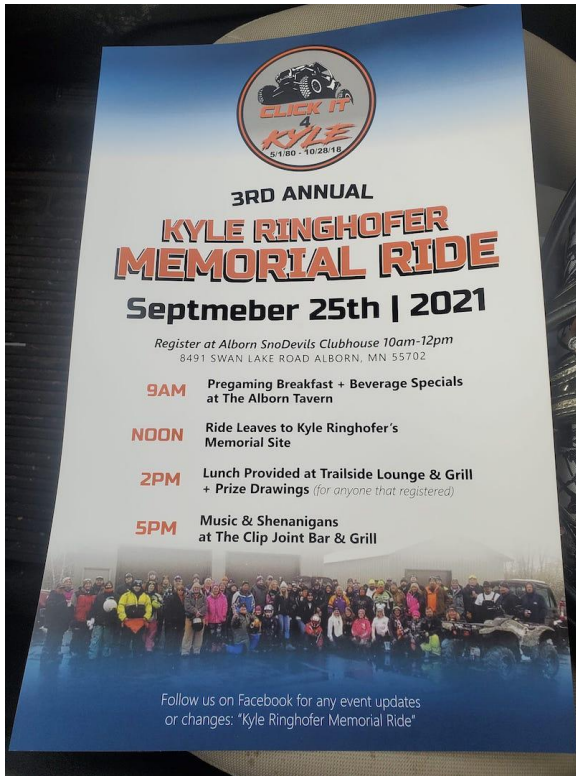
SUNDAY 9.19.21

9am ATVMN board meeting at Grand Ely Lodge



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

Register for Ride and Rally 2021 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.



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.



ATV MINNESOTA *"Your Voice To Ride"*

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

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join today. Gift memberships
available!**

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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
- 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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