

234 New Members This Year...Welcome!

ATVAM Newsletter - September 10, 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: d.halsey@atvam.org
- 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: ATVAM is also referred to as ATV Minnesota

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Here We Go!
The Ride & Rally Auction
Is Online Now!

***Place your bids during
our major fundraiser of the year.
Auction ends September 19***

It's live and online! The in-person, high-energy live auction is always a big hit at the annual ATVAM State Convention (Ride & Rally). This year, because of COVID, the auction is online.

Items large and small are now on eBay on a special ATVAM auction site and will be open to your bids for 10 days. Check out all the auction items, place your bids and monitor the action to make sure you win your favorite items. And keep checking back because more items will be added.

This special eBay auction is ATVAM's major fund-raiser of the year, so don't be afraid to put your best bid forward. And thanks for supporting ATVAM with your purchases.



Anyone can bid from anywhere up to the close of the auction for that particular item. You need not be present at the Ride & Rally to participate or to win, but you will need to log-in and sign up on eBay to be able to bid. **The auction opened for bids on September 9 and concludes at staggered times September 19.**



There are two ways to reach the ATVAM auction on eBay. Both require you to sign up and log-in on eBay to bid on the auction items.

1) Tap on this link:

<https://www.ebay.com/sch/atvammn/m.html? nkw=& armrs=1& ipg=& from=>



Or ... 2) Go to eBay.com: tap on "Advanced Search" in the upper right corner, then tap on "Find Stores" in the lower left corner, type in ATV_Minnesota in the blank area and tap "Search", then tap on "ATV_Minnesota", which takes you to all the items.

Tap "save this search" and you'll receive emails and alerts about your bids, if you have the leading bid, if someone has outbid you, and if yours was the winning bid. Each item also shows details on shipping cost, payment and approximate delivery.

Thanks for supporting ATVAM by going after some of these great outdoor and ATV-related auction items. **Have fun and happy bidding!**

Register Today For A 'Ride & Rally' Ride (3 already sold out)



Registrations are coming in fast now for the 2020 ATV Minnesota State Convention, September 18-20 in Ely. Don't miss out. Register your group today for the VIP ride on Friday and one of 12 guided rides on Saturday. They range in length from 25 to 180 miles, with 3 of the longer rides already sold out. Vehicle numbers for each ride are limited, as part of the ATVM COVID-19 plan to practice social distancing.

Example of what you'll see when registering:

Rides leaving from Ely Softball Fields

1. Ely to Crane Lake for lunch 116 miles round trip leaving at 10 AM

Ride #1 is Sold Out

2. Ely to Trestle Inn for lunch 180 miles round trip leaving at - 8AM

Ride #2 is Sold Out

3. Trailer to Kelly Loop to Trestle Inn for lunch 112 miles round trip 8AM

Buy Now ▶

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4. Softball Fields to Kawishiwi Bridge - 25 miles round trip leaving at 10AM

Buy Now ▶

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Please register online instead of at the event.

Everyone is asked to be sure to register online, to reserve your spot on the ride of your choice, and so the Prospector Loop ATV Club, which is hosting the event, can plan and prepare for the all the weekend activities.

Prospectors Loop ATV Trail System

A Minnesota ATV Trail System Connecting Communities and State Parks



Friend us on Facebook at Prospectors Loop ATV Trail System for the latest updates!

Donations & Auction Items Coming In

Clubs from across the state have been sending cash donations or items to be included in the online auction. Thanks to everyone who has donated.

If your club still has items to mail in, please do so today. Mail them directly to the host club: Prospectors Alliance ATV, c/o Paddle Inn, 1314 East Sheridan Street, Ely, MN 55731. Any alerts/questions/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!

Breakfast Will Be Served

The Friday VIP Ride will now have the opportunity for participants to enjoy a pancake breakfast served outside. "People can come to the Timber Hall in Embarrass from 8 to 10 a.m. and enjoy a great breakfast, and we have plenty of picnic tables for people to sit at," said Prospector board member Gene Wright. The pancake breakfast is separate

from the VIP Ride and payment can be made at the Timber Hall Friday morning.

Guides & Sweeps For Every Ride

Guides will be meeting next week to go over their preparations for the event. There will be a guide and a sweep for each ride, including the VIP Ride on Friday. "We want to make sure our guides know what is expected of them so they can be prepared," said Prospector Guide Leader Warren Johnson.



Participants in the event this year should watch for emails relating to what ride they are on, with further information coming out

before the event. "This is really the first time we've had a way to contact people ahead of time to let them know what to expect," said Wognum. "That may include what the lunch plans are or what the ride itself will entail."

Raffle With \$1000 Top Prize

The Prospector Club is also holding a raffle in conjunction with the event. There is a top prize of \$1,000 cash along with four \$100 prizes that will be given away Saturday

night of the event. "Tickets are \$20 or five for \$100 and the more you buy the better chance you have to win," said Wognum. "We're limiting the number of tickets to 300 so be sure to get yours right away!" Tickets are available from Prospector Club members or send an email to n.wognum@atvam.org for more information on how to buy a ticket.

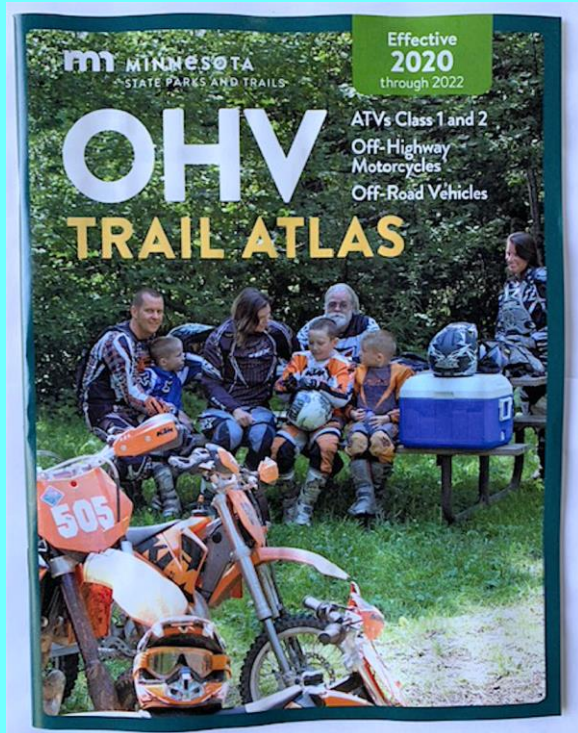
Registration is open for the Ride and Rally through the atvam.org website. Be sure to get your registration in today!

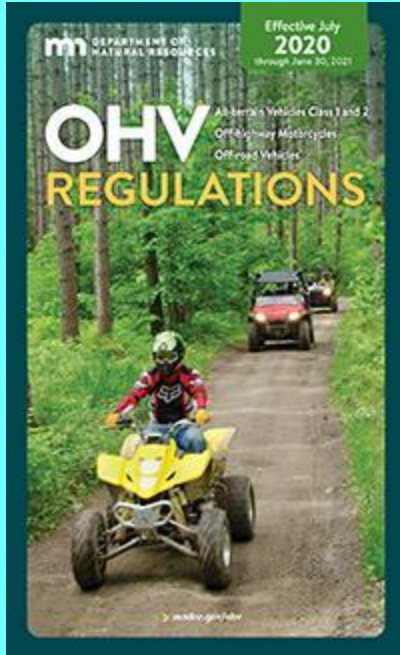
The Two Most-Requested DNR OHV Booklets

2020 OHV Trail Atlas

The updated and long-awaited OHV Trail Atlas has been printed by the MN DNR and is available from the DNR Info Center. It's 80 pages, with maps for over 70 OHV trails, plus trail descriptions, directions to parking, and contact information for the OHV club or DNR staff that maintains them. Some clubs have reported receiving a case (120 atlases), ordered over the past year or more, for their members and for Trail Ambassadors to hand out to riders.

To order a copy, email info.dnr@state.mn.us or call 651-296-6157. Individual State ATV Trail maps are also available on the Avenza map app; when downloaded, they show your GPS location on your smartphone or tablet while riding. Happy navigating!





2020 OHV Regulations book

It will be available sometime this month, which is good because there are just 50 days left in the riding season. COVID has created delays on many fronts. When we sent an email to the DNR Info Center requesting a box for our ATV club, their reply was:

"The 2020 OHV Regulations books are still at the printer, but they should be coming in sometime this month. I have added you to the waitlist for a full box, so we will send it to you as soon as they are available."

Suddenly, It's Hoodie Weather! Order Your ATV Minnesota Gear Today. Save 50% On Current Gear!



ATV Minnesota Clothing is on sale now. Hoodies for just \$20. T-shirts as low as \$7.50. All sale items are clearly marked on the Clothing Page of the ATVAM website. It's easy to pay online and we'll ship your order right away. Start by tapping the "Clothing" tab on atvam.org.

...And Buy New Gear At Ride & Rally (Available online after the State Convention)

Fall is a great time to ride. And just in time is a full line of new riding gear from ATV Minnesota. Shown here is a sample of what's coming. All the new gear will be on display and available at the ATVAM State Convention (Ride & Rally) in Ely on September 18-20. It will also be available soon on the ATVAM website: atvam.org



COVID Forces Changes To Election Process At Ride & Rally

From the ATVAM Bylaws Committee:

Changes to this year's Ride and Rally event in response to COVID-19 have also resulted in some minor changes to the election process. With no banquet being held and all activities being held outdoors, the Board has decided the General Membership Meeting will be a brief and limited outdoor meeting for the purpose of conducting officer elections, as required by the ATVAM Bylaws.



ATVAM BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME AND ADDRESS

Section 1 This Association shall be known as the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota, Inc. hereinafter referred to as ATVAM or ATV Minnesota.
Amended 09/22/18.

The Bylaws Committee, with the consent of the Board, has made some adjustments to the election procedures for this year. These changes are:

1. Nominations from the general membership must be submitted in writing by September 1 as no nominations will be taken from the floor at the General Membership Meeting. (See article below announcing opening of nominations.)
2. Ballots will be provided at the Ride and Rally event registration booth to members who have registered and are in attendance at the event.
3. Members will place their completed ballots in a secured ballot box located at the main registration booth on Friday and Saturday.

These changes have been made in order to minimize the amount of time the general meeting needs to be in session, limit the handling of ballots and contact between meeting attendees, and allow for voting by those who choose not to attend the General Membership Meeting.

These minor, but necessary changes from the normal election procedures are in keeping with the spirit and intent of the ATVAM Bylaws and Election Procedures by giving all members an opportunity to nominate candidates for the open offices and to allow all members attending the event the opportunity to cast their ballots.

In the case of no nominations being received from the general membership, no ballots will be distributed as the current officers, all of which have been placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee, can be re-elected by the casting of a white ballot at the general meeting. Thanks for paying attention to and abiding by these changes at the annual convention.

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.

-Next Monthly ATVAM State-Wide Board Meeting - September 20, at the 2020 Annual Convention, Grand Ely Lodge

-September 18-20 - ATVAM Annual Conference / Ride & Rally
Host: Prospectors ATV Club/Ely Friday VIP Trail Ride, Big Air ATV Tour (cancelled) Saturday 12 Trail Rides, Banquet (cancelled) / Meeting & Online Auction. Register for all rides at atvam.org. Lodging and camping also shown.

**Region 1 Club Rides & Work Days:
Roseau/LOW Sportsman Club**

**14TH ANNUAL
SEPT. 12
2020**

***ONLINE
REGISTRATION
ONLY!**

*Calling all Redneck Riders
To Carp's Pit Recreation Area*


covid safe plan!

**HIT THE ONLINE REGISTRATION BUTTON
CHOOSE YOUR "FLIGHT" TIME.
ARRIVE NO SOONER THAN
YOUR "FLIGHT" TIME.**

**\$25 INCLUDES LUNCH
RAFFLES - GAMES - TICKET SALES**

**Region 2:
Prospector Loop and Babbitt ATV Clubs**


JOIN US ON THE
3rd ANNUAL ATV Ride
 The Black Sheep Run for **Special Olympics**
 Minnesota



Guided by
 Prospector Loop ATV Club
 & Babbitt ATV Club

REGISTRATION \$25
 All proceeds go to Special Olympics Minnesota
 ROUTE: TBD • START: BABBITT, MN
 SOFTBALL FIELDS ACROSS FROM HIDEAWAY ON HWY 70

OCTOBER 10th, 2020
 DEPART TIME : 10 AM
 Lunch provided along the ride!



To register or for more information
 Mary Zupancich 218.349.1825 Deb Campbell 218.235.0155

Voyageur Country ATV

September 26 - Fall Club Ride. Watch for details on club Facebook page.

Wild Country ATV Club

September 19 -- Club ride on Wild Country Trail. Meet at 10 am at parking lot on County Road 2. More details on club's Facebook page.

Region 3:

Central Lakes ATV Club

September 26 - Club ride at Red Top ATV Trail, 10 am
 October 24 - Club ride from Spider Lake to Hackensack, 10 am
 Details at club's Facebook page.

Over The Hills Gang ATV Club

September 12 - Ladies Only Ride, 10 am, Emily Outing Trail
 See club Facebook page for more details.

Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club

September 26 - Club Ride at UPM Blandin Trail.
 Meet at 9 am at the parking area - 7.5 miles north
 of Hill City on 169 then east on Smith Dr. Ride to Hill City for lunch.
 Details at www.woodtickwheelers.com

Region 4:

Please submit for next newsletter.

Region 5:

South Metro ATV Club

October 1-5, Black Hills trip

See club website for updates on ride status: www.southmetroatv.com

Region 6:

Please submit for next newsletter.



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"Your Voice To Ride"

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

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 newsletters. And send renewals to ATVAM's mailing address: PO Box

300, Stacy, MN 55079

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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