



## **ATV Minnesota**

*"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"*

**January 25, 2023**

**Newsletter**

*1500 New Members In Past 2 Years*

*Welcome...LET'S RIDE!*

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**Getting A Jump  
On Trail Cleanup**



Many State ATV Trails are a mess, with trees snapped or hanging low due to heavy wet snow. Clubs that want to get out early to clear their signed, designated Grant-in-Aid trails prior to the May 1st opener (after April 1 on GIA snowmobile trails) should coordinate with their local land

manager. **Joe Unger with DNR Parks & Trails reports that maintenance contracts should be out in mid to late March.** Clubs should monitor and document costs. If they use up their GIA funds during the riding season, they should apply for an amendment, making sure they keep some money in their accounts and know the amendment process.



**REGISTER EARLY!**

**ATV MN Vision Conference**

**March 4, 8 am to 5 pm**

*(note date change from earlier announcement)*

**Running Aces Casino/Hotel**

15201 Running Aces Blvd, Columbus, MN

55025 651-925-4600



**What Is Your Vision For ATV**

**Recreation In Minnesota?** This fun

gathering of ATV clubs from across the state is always well attended. At the annual Vision Conference, the ATV Minnesota Executive Board, Regional Directors and ATV clubs discuss a wide range of topics, with one goal: creating a clear Vision for ATV MN, and the Action Items needed to move it and its 70 member clubs forward, and advance our state's awesome ATV trail system. It's also your chance to buy new ATV MN gear, reappoint or elect new Regional Directors...and more.

Event registration is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast, and refreshments at breaks. On your own for lunch during a 1-hour break. Please register early so we can plan for in-person attendance. The Zoom option to attend is \$5. Either way, please register early for the Vision Conference at this link: <https://membership.atvmn.org/vision/>



**ADVOCATE FOR ATV TRAILS!**

**ATV MN 'Day At The Capitol'**

**March 8, 4:30 to 8:00 pm**

**Capitol Ridge Event Center, St. Paul**

*(Invite Your State Legislators To Attend)*

ATV Minnesota, its board, members and ATV member clubs from across the state will gather in person for the ATV MN 'Day At The Capitol.' In the past we visited with Legislators at their offices, providing a packet of information about ATV

recreation. This year, because many Capitol offices are closed, we will be holding a reception, meeting with our State Senators and Representatives, to advocate on behalf of ATV recreation.

**ATV MN members and member clubs are encouraged to invite their**

**Legislators**, as constituents, to this important event, to be held March 8, from 4:30 to 8:00 pm, at the Capitol Ridge Event Center, 161 St, Anthony Ave., St. Paul. It's just 1 block from the State Capitol which makes it convenient for Legislators to stop by and visit with their constituents who belong to ATV clubs.

**Don't know who your Legislators are?** Tap this link and type in your zip code to find out the names of your State Senator and Representative:

<https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/>

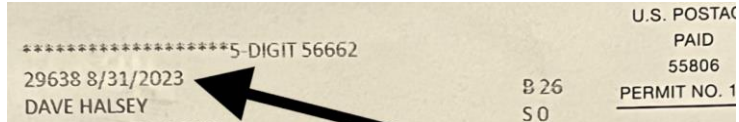
For those who would like hotel accommodations, a 15% room discount has been offered to ATV MN members. Parking will be available. The room is reserved from 4:30 to 8:00 pm, please arrive early.

If you plan to attend, please register at this

link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG8J9usOo8Tz87iBn37pt4atIPpzQJJThcHMNhO7irC\\_6icA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG8J9usOo8Tz87iBn37pt4atIPpzQJJThcHMNhO7irC_6icA/viewform)

## When Does My ATV MN Membership Need To Be Renewed?

Whether your ATV MN membership is included in your ATV club's dues, or you pay it separately, make sure you keep getting Minnesota Wheelin in your mailbox, our twice-monthly e-newsletter, and other news about ATV riding, by renewing your membership before its renewal date. It's printed on the mailing label of your copy of the magazine, next to your membership number. Watch for a renewal letter a month before your membership expires. Include your email address on it to receive our twice-monthly e-newsletter with all the latest news and information about ATV riding in Minnesota. You can also renew your membership at [atvmn.org](http://atvmn.org). **Thanks for supporting ATV Minnesota with your individual, family or business membership!**



## Get To Know Your Club's DNR A&D

The Minnesota DNR OHV Acquisition and Development (A&D) Specialists are your ATV club's "regional voice" and contact to move trail projects forward. They can help you navigate the Grant-in-Aid process, identify local DNR staff and potential local government sponsors, and assist in trail layout and design. To read about the backgrounds of each of the A&Ds listed below, see the May/June 2022 issue of Minnesota Wheelin, at [atvmn.org](http://atvmn.org) under the "Archives" tab.

**Northwest Region:** Karen Cladas — [karen.cladas@state.mn.us](mailto:karen.cladas@state.mn.us), 218-308-2369

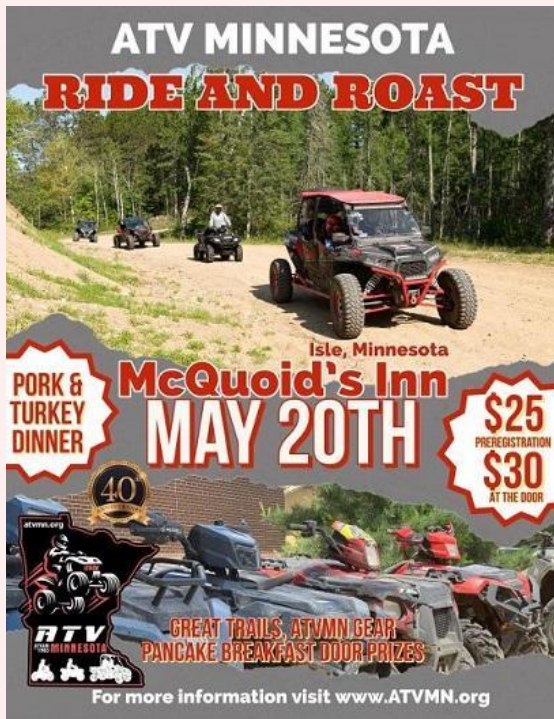
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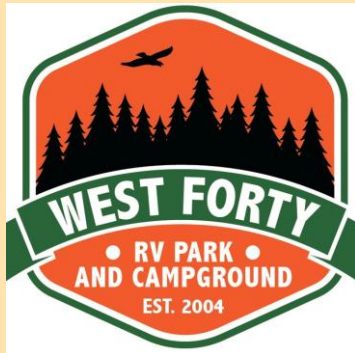
**Registration Is Now Open For  
The 2023 ATV MN  
Ride & Roast  
May 20th, Isle**

Last year, over 300 riders attended this great event, which includes a pancake breakfast, guided rides with trail lunch, and a fun dinner banquet. Registration is now open. And McQuoid's Inn is taking reservations for lodging and campsites.

The planning team is busy organizing the event, including a Friday evening welcome party with appetizers. Keep an eye on the ATV MN newsletter, website and Facebook page for updates. *(Flyer by Dean Schliek, ATV MN comm team)*

Register your ride group today at this link:

<https://membership.atvmn.org/rideroast/> .



**Camping At Ride & Rally?**

The 2023 ATV Minnesota Ride & Rally will be at Giants Ridge in Biwabik, September 22-24.

The West Forty RV Park & Campground near Gilbert has a reservation system to arrange campsite blocks for groups, with a Group Code to share with members of your club or ride group. Discounts, party tent rentals, catering and other event services are also available for large groups.

**West Forty is a business member of both ATV MN and the MN4WDA (Thanks Paul!).** Details and reservations at [westfortyrvpark.com](http://westfortyrvpark.com). More Ride & Rally

details and lodging options coming soon!

## Got a Good Story to Tell This Winter?

- Been on a memorable ride?
- Have a fun story about your ATV club?
- Know a volunteer who should be recognized for all they do for ATV riding?
- An important ATV issue we should cover?
- Want to submit an article or photos?
- We don't have a budget to pay you, but we will give you a byline and extra copies of the magazine your article or photo appears in.



-Send your comments, stories, club news, and ideas to: [d.halsey@atvmn.org](mailto:d.halsey@atvmn.org). Thanks!  
From the ATV MN Communications Team: Dave Halsey, Nick Wognum, Jeff Leese, Dean Schliek (Photo by Dean).

# MINNESOTA WINTER TRAILS

ALVWOOD - SQUAW LAKE	IRON RANGE OHV REC AREA
APPLETON OHV PARK	MATTHEW LOUREY TRAIL
BEMIS HILL TRAIL	MOOSE RIVER TRAIL
CHENGWATANA ST. FOREST	NEMADJI ST. FOREST
CHISHOLM TRAIL	SAGINAW GRADE TRAIL
EAST RANGE TRAIL	SOD LINE NORTH/SOUTH CARLTON COUNTY
FOND DU LAC ST. FOREST	SPIDER LAKE TRAIL
GANDY DANGER	ST. CROIX ST. FOREST
GENERAL CC ANDREWS	WARROAD/ROSEAU TRAILS
GENDA TRAIL	

! BE SURE TO ALWAYS CHECK THE MINNESOTA DNR WEBSITE FOR CLOSURES.

ATV MINNESOTA

## "Your Voice To Ride"

Dedicated Volunteers  
Building Fun & Sustainable  
ATV Trails For The Riding Public  
(And Bridges, Boardwalks, Kiosks, Parking, Outhouses & More)

**Invite friends and family to join today.  
Gift memberships available!**

See the mailing label on your Minnesota Wheelin magazine for your membership renewal date. Be sure to include your email address on the renewal form we send you to receive newsletters. Send renewals to ATV MN, 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.  
(Graphics by Dean Schliek)



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

- A subscription to Minnesota Wheelin magazine (6 per year).
- Twice-monthly newsletter by email with the latest news.
- Membership card and ATV MN logo sticker for your ATV.
- Invitations to events, including our Legislative Summit, Vision Conference, Ride & Roast in the spring, and State Convention "Ride & Rally" in the fall, as well as membership meetings.
- A full-time lobbyist at the State Capitol, helping create pro-ATV legislation, and moving forward 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 our Minnesota Wheelin magazine and on the ATV Minnesota website
  - Discounts on advertising in Minnesota Wheelin. For details, send an email to Creston Dorothy at Pro Print in Duluth: [cdorothy@proprintus.com](mailto:cdorothy@proprintus.com)
  - Opportunities to reach more customers by sponsoring or donating to our events
- To join, contact **ATVAM** or call (800) 442-8826.



**New Program! As a Corporate Sponsor:**

Your financial support will help ensure a positive future for ATV recreation in Minnesota.

**Four levels:** \$2,500 Bronze / \$5,000 Silver / \$10,000 Gold / \$25,000 Platinum

Each includes ads in Minnesota Wheelin magazine, and publicity of your business, organization or club at ATV MN events, on websites, social media and more!

**To learn more, visit [atvmn.org](http://atvmn.org) and tap the "Sponsorships" tab.**

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