



ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

Member Newsletter

June 1, 2026



Nominations Now Open For Three Board Positions

The terms for three ATV Minnesota executive board positions expire this fall: President, First Vice President, and Secretary. The board positions for Second VP and Treasurer expire in 2027. All positions are two-year terms. Ron Potter (president) and Dave Clevenger (First VP) have stated they won't be running for re-election. Thanks to both of them and to Nick Wognum (secretary) for serving many years on the executive board, working on countless programs, trail projects, funding efforts, legislation and much more, to the benefit of ATV MN members, 73 member clubs and all of our state's ATV owners.

The nominations for all three positions are now open as of June 1st. ATV MN members in good standing may nominate others who are interested in one of the three positions (it would help to make sure they are interested in serving) or nominate themselves. Nominations must be made using the official ATV MN nomination form, found at atvmn.org, tap the “Events & News” tab, along with the responsibilities for the open positions. Or use the QR code shown, or tap this link: https://www.atvmn.org/images/ATVMN_Nomination_Form_2026_v2.pdf

Download the form. The nomination form must be completed. Email it to atvmnoffice@atvmn.org. You can also mail the form to ATV Minnesota, P.O. Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079. You can request a form be mailed to you by contacting the office at 1-800-442-8826. The nominees will be contacted to confirm their interest.

Elections will be held at the 2026 ATV MN State Convention/Ride & Rally, during the General Membership Meeting on September 19th. All candidates must be nominated. During the meeting, there will be no nominations accepted from the floor, and no write-in votes will be accepted or counted. Nomination forms must be

received by the ATV MN office no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 31, 2026. Accompanying the nomination form is a page titled "Responsibilities and Expectations of Officers" for the three open board positions.
(Graphic by Dean Schliek, QR code and link provided by Erv Kleinschmidt)

**Thanks To All The Early Sponsors
Of The 2026 ATV MN State Convention/Ride & Rally, September 18-20,
Park Rapids**

(Sponsors as of June 1st. We will continue to recognize and thank all event sponsors and donators up to, during and after Ride & Rally.)



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Ride The Colorful Fall Trails During Ride & Rally (Full details and schedule below and at atvmn.org.)

Registration Is Now Open ... to attend Ride & Rally, camp on-site, have a vendor space, and sponsor or donate auction items. See the links below.

The 2026 ATV MN State Convention/Ride & Rally will be held in Park Rapids, September 18-20, hosted by the local ATV clubs: Akeley Paul Bunyan Trail Riders, Fire Frost, Forest Riders, Red River Riders, Timberland Dirt Devils, and Woods and Wheels.

All event activities will be at the Hubbard County Fairgrounds, 201 Fair Ave, Park Rapids, MN 56470. There will be vendors on-site both days, with spaces indoors. A 10x10 space is \$150, a 10x20 space is \$300.

There is plenty of room for on-site RV and tent camping, with some sites having electric hookups. There are separate registrations to attend Ride & Rally on Friday (\$25) and Saturday (\$50).

Friday, September 18th - Please pre-register. Check-in for riders preregistered and walk-in registration is 7:00-9:00 a.m. The President's Ride will depart from the fairgrounds at 9 a.m. and includes lunch in Nevis. The route in the Paul Bunyan Forest is shown on the registration page. Vendors inside at fairgrounds. There will be entertainment Friday evening: 5:00 p.m.-Food trucks & beer garden. 7:00 p.m.-Music Bingo with drawings and fun (paid separately at event).



Saturday, September 19th - Please pre-register!

Check-in (for preregistered) or same-day registration opens at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at fairgrounds 7:00-9:00 a.m. at fairgrounds, by Nevis Boy Scouts (not part of registration). Vendors inside at fairgrounds.

Saturday features three guided rides, departing from the fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., on popular and well-maintained ATV trails in the Two Inlets, Smoky Hills and Paul Bunyan State Forests. Lunch stops at restaurants (lunch is on your own, not part of registration). There is also a "ride on your own" option when registering.

Banquet at fairgrounds, 5:00-8:30 p.m., with social hour, dinner, live auction, silent auction, raffle drawing for CFMOTO SxS and trailer at 8:00 p.m. and ATV MN general membership meeting with elections for three board positions. A traveling trophy will be presented to the ATV club with the most members attending.

Sunday, September 20 - An in-person meeting of the ATV MN executive board, regional directors and ATV club representatives will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Heartland Inn.

Please Note: New, city-approved, legal ATV routes through Park Rapids will be signed starting this summer, allowing access from the hotels to the trails, and temporary routes will be open during the event to the Hubbard County Fairgrounds. There are blocks of rooms reserved for those attending the Ride & Rally, totaling 135 rooms, at the AmericInn, Heartland Inn, and Super 8.

Registration is open! Registration to attend Friday and/or Saturday (and choose your guided ride), and separate registrations for on-site camping, and to reserve a vendor space are in the links below. Also below are links to sponsor and donate auction items, and lists of local lodging and off-site camping. **Link to register to attend:**

<https://membership.atvmn.org/riderrally/> or tap the flyer's QR code.



On-site Camping: Check-in starts at 2:00 p.m. Thursday. Non-power sites \$50/weekend. Power sites \$100/weekend. Link to reserve and pay for on-site camping: <https://membership.atvmn.org/riderrallycamping/>

Vendor Spaces: All inside, prices are for the weekend, can set up starting Thursday. 10x10 \$150. 10x20 \$300. Vendor info packets available. Link to reserve/pay for vendor space: <https://membership.atvmn.org/riderrallyvendorspace/>

Let's beat last year's record of 110 Ride & Rally sponsors and donators! Please consider sponsoring or donating auction items to the ATV MN Ride & Rally...thanks for your support! This the main ATV MN fund-raiser for the

year. Here are those links:

Download the Ride & Rally sponsorship brochure, with a wide variety of sponsor opportunities, by clicking and mailing Payment. You can also complete your sponsor payment online by clicking . Ship auction items to: Akeley Paul Bunyan Trail Riders, 28882 240th Street, Akeley, MN 56433.

List of local lodging:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CvTCPHT8pPAD5UH4nx6JpaHEANZDsv5u/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111086608142955419032&rtpof=true&sd=true>

List of local off-site camping: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B-DJ6IEkDl6DSLAW7DclzPuwHskF-](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B-DJ6IEkDl6DSLAW7DclzPuwHskF-EBO/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=111086608142955419032&rtpof=true&sd=true)

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Event flyer by Dean Schliek. Trail photo by Timberland Dirt Devils. Sponsorship brochure designed and printed by W.A. Fisher Co, Virginia, as part of their Half-Throttle Sponsorship. Thanks to all for your help and support!



**The Host Clubs Are Holding A Great Raffle!
(2025 CFMOTO UFORCE 1000 w/ trailer, recteq grill, \$500 cash!)**

Get your \$20 raffle tickets from members of the host clubs, during Ride & Rally, and at:

- Clancy's Restaurant & Bar, Park Rapids
- Loney Sales & Service, Walker
- Up North Power & Sports, Park Rapids

(The raffle is organized and managed by the host clubs. ATV MN, as a 501(c)(4), is not associated with the raffle.)

**Silver Bay Multi-Modal Trailhead Opened May 21st.
(Park, ride, hike, bike, (all on separate trails) then take a shower!)**

(From IRRR press release, May 21, 2026)

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) Commissioner Ida Rukavina and IRRR Board members Sen. Grant Hauschild and Rep. Roger Skraba joined local and regional partners today for the ribbon cutting of Silver Bay's new multi-modal trailhead. The project improves access to outdoor recreation with (large, lighted) parking, restrooms, a visitor information kiosk and connections to hiking, biking, ATV and snowmobile trails. Three EV charging stations are also available. (Coin-operated showers too!)



The more than \$5 million project received a \$400,000 Regional Trails grant from IRRR, along with additional funding from the Minnesota Legislature through state bonding, the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources through the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, and the Transportation Alternatives Program through the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

You're Invited!
RIBBON CUTTING
 CELEBRATING THE NEW
SILVER BAY MULTI-MODAL TRAILHEAD CENTER
 A NEW DESTINATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

THURSDAY MAY 21 11:00 AM
 109 OUTER DRIVE, SILVER BAY, MN 55441

HELP US CELEBRATE THIS EXCITING NEW FACILITY THAT SUPPORTS RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND CONNECTION IN SILVER BAY!

- NEW MEETING SPACE** For the public to gather, connect and collaborate
- WALKING REST FACILITIES** Including side-swept showers
- LARGE, LIGHTED PARKING AREAS** To accommodate larger vehicles and trailers
- SAFE & SEPARATE ACCESS** For both motorized (ATV/Snowmobile) and non-motorized (Biking & Hiking) users
- FUTURE PLAYGROUND & PICNIC AREAS** For families and visitors of all ages to enjoy

Special Guests Attending to Speeches:
 • Senator Grant Hauschild
 • Representative Roger Steinhilber
 • IRRR Commissioner Ida Rukavina

Join us as we recognize our partners and celebrate this important investment in Silver Bay and the region!

Built with support from:
 Minnesota State Legislature, Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, LCCMR, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minnesota Department of Commerce, Minnesota Department of Public Facilities Development, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Change the trails. Change the community. Change the future.
 #BETTERTRAILS #MINNESOTAFOREVER #SILVERBAYMN

A Few June Events & Rides Coming Up...Save The Dates!
Send In Your Ride & Event Fliers (to d.halsey@atvmn.org)

RUN-A-MUCK LUCKY DUCK
 ATV RIDE FEATURING A DUCK CHUCK AND BENEFITING ADVOCATES for family peace

Saturday June 6th, 2026 10am
 Adopt your ducks (\$10.00 ea) from 10:00 - 11:15 am
 at R Bar & Grill
 Breakfast Specials available
 Ride leaves at 11:30
 Rain or Shine
 Ride ends at R Bar & Grill
 Entertainment by Semperi DJ & Karaoke
 PLEASE PARK TRUCKS AND TRAILERS AT THE ALBORN OR LEHARDY TRAIL HEADS BY R BAR ON THE CHECKPOINT ROAD FOR BACKSTAYS FROM R BAR

DUCK RACE
 PRIZES awarded for 1st - 2nd place. Need not be present to Win.

\$5050 RAFFLE
 Tickets sold during the event on June 6th until 4 pm. Must be present to Win.

CASH RAFFLE Tickets being sold now until 4 pm June 6th. See our Facebook page or visit R Bar & Grill. Pays out 5 places! ** 1st Place \$1000 ** Need not be present to Win. Only 400 tickets sold.

Ducks will be checked beginning at 3:30 at R Bar & Grill
 All proceeds will go to Advocates for Family Peace, Hibbing
 This fundraiser ride has been made possible with help from our friends at:
 R Bar & Grill, Toiv's Pub, M's Lodge & Resort, Ray's Sport & Cycle
 Local Gambling Events Permit #X-9089-26-010

HONORING OUR VETERANS NISKY ATV RIDE

JUNE 27 2026

Join the Nisky Ride to Celebrate our Heroes! All Veterans and Supporters Welcome!

Prospector ATV Ride will start at 10 AM & finish at 4 PM at Samz Bar between Ely & Winton, Guided Rides at 10 AM, 10:30 AM, 11 AM

Funds raised go to Veterans on the Lake's Nisky Fish Cleaning Building

25th ANNIVERSARY PORK-N-RIDE

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 Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 8 AM - 9 PM
Pork N Ride 2026 - 25th Anniversary!!
 The Pickled Loon Saloon of Emily

Left: Run-A-Muck ATV Club Top right: Prospector ATV Club Bottom: Over The Hills Gang ATV Club



ATV MINNESOTA
"Your Voice To Ride"
(And Have Fun!)

Seventy-three dedicated ATV clubs and their volunteers, building and maintaining fun, sustainable ATV trails for the riding public (and bridges, boardwalks, kiosks, parking, selfie stations and more).

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

Photo by Greg MacDonald: It's not too early to reserve lodging or camping, and register to attend the ATV MN Ride & Rally! There is on-site camping, vendor spaces, and sponsor opportunities. Details in the article above, and at atvmn.org.

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twice-monthly newsletter. Send renewals to ATV MN, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079. You can also join/renew at atvmn.org.

Belonging to ATV Minnesota, you join thousands of riders throughout the state, have fun, and help create a positive future for ATV recreation in Minnesota.



As a family or individual member, for \$30, you receive:

- A subscription to Minnesota Wheelin magazine (published times 6 a 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, 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 to provide funding for new trail systems.

As a business member, for \$90 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 on rates and deadlines, send an email to Creston Dorothy at Pro Print in Duluth: cdorothy@proprintus.com.

-Opportunities to reach more customers by sponsoring or donating to our events. To join, contact **ATVAM** or call (800) 442-8826.

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-Timber Bay Lodge & Houseboats (\$2,500 Bronze Sponsorship) - Visit timberbay.com to learn about its amazing lodges (sleep up to 15), traditional cabins and fleet of houseboats. Timber Bay Lodge & Houseboats is on the south shore of Birch Lake, near Babbitt, **with direct access by ATV to the Prospector Trail system.** Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/timberbaylodge>



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To learn more, visit atvmn.org and tap the "Sponsorships" tab.



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