

ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

June 13, 2022 Newsletter

321 New Members This Year Welcome!

Now Is The Time! Fifty Lakes Is The Place! Get Ready to RIDE & RALLY!



Our annual state convention is a fun 3-day ATV event hosted in September by a different ATV MN member club each year. This year's convention will be hosted by the Over The Hills Gang ATV Club (based in the Emily/Outing/Fifty Lakes area) and will be held in the City of Fifty Lakes on September 16th-18th. Friday will include a VIP Ride attended by State Representatives,

Minnesota DNR Parks & Trails, city and county governments, and the U.S. Forest Service, followed by the annual general membership meeting of ATV Minnesota, a bonfire, and live music. Saturday features club-guided rides on local trails, an ATV Fair, food & beer vendors, and more live music followed by fireworks! *Photo: Large banners displayed on County Road 1 at the City of Fifty Lakes. Check out the event location later this month by attending Fifty Lakes Days.*

You're Invited!

Where to Stay

Where to Eat

Register Here

Fifty Lakes R&R HQ

Meet Your Event Sponsors

How to become a Ride & Rally Sponsor

Your Hosts: Over The Hills Gang ATV Club & City of Fifty Lakes

Thank you for visiting the information page for the ATV Minnesota 2022 Ride & Rally — our annual State Convention, being held September 16-18, 2022, in beautiful Fifty Lakes, Minnesota.

The Over the Hills Gang ATV Club, based in Emily, Outing, and Fifty Lakes, is hosting this year's event. We are excited to show off our wonderful area, local businesses, attractions, and our vast network of ATV trails!

The last time we hosted this event in our area was in 2005, in the town of Outing. This year's host city, Fifty Lakes, has a population of 406 and is in a rural part of Crow Wing County, which is the geographic center of Minnesota. This makes it an easy



destination for riders living in all corners of the state. Although we may be rural, we are very close and connected by trails and county roads to lodging, camping, restaurants and other amenities needed for an enjoyable stay.



Everything You Need To Know Is At ATVMN.org

The daily schedule, how to register, lodging and camping options, guided rides to choose from, how to sponsor or donate to the event, plus links to the websites of bands that will be playing and much more. It's all at ATVMN.org under the "Events" tab.



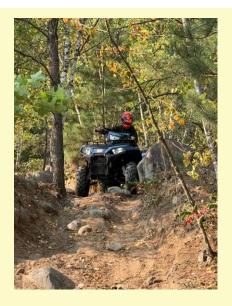
Do You Feel Lucky?

Ride & Rally raffle tickets are available at Emily-Outing-Fifty Lakes area businesses and Over The Hills Gang ATV Club members.

Tickets are \$5 each.

Prizes: \$1,500 first place \$1,000 second place \$1,000 third place \$500 fourth place \$500 fifth place \$50 gift cards sixth through tenth place \$25 gift cards 11th through 20th place. License #X-92116-22-016.

For more information visit **overthehillsgang.org**.



ATV MN Creates A New ATV Safety Committee

During the 2022 ATV Minnesota Vision Conference, members present voted to form a new ATV Safety Committee. The Committee would focus on bringing ATV Safety related topics more front and center to ATV MN membership and the greater riding public. We know as an Association that ATV registrations are greatly outpacing ATV education, which is resulting in more unsafe riding conditions on our trails, near misses, injuries, and fatalities. The drive to have ATV Safety as an everyday thought during ride preparation, riding, club and association meetings, education, and communications to others is a goal. This new committee will include a liaison from the Minnesota DNR Enforcement Division, Lisa Dugan, Minnesota DNR Recreation Safety Outreach Coordinator.

Kevin Anderson, ATV MN 2nd Vice President, will be the executive board liaison. His goal now is to recruit safety-minded individuals motivated to improve ATV Safety, into this committee. Kevin is also open to having a Safety Officer in each club. The new committee will choose a chair to lead the group, and set the group's direction.

If you are interested in being part of this new ATV Safety Committee, please send a note or contact Kevin Anderson at **k.anderson@atvmn.org** Include a short summary of your ATV safety background. Kevin will set up a first committee meeting and then turn over the duties for future meetings to the ATV Safety Committee Chair.

13 Years Ago Today June 13, 2009

ATV Minnesota received verification from Guinness World Records that ATV Minnesota (then ATVAM) broke the world record for the longest ATV parade, with 1,632 ATVs, and it was set with all quads, side-by-sides were not counted!

>it's Official: Guinness Recognizes ATVAM Parade Record

This past fall, the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM) received verification from Guinness World Seconds that it officially set the world record for the longest ATV parade.

On June 13, 1,632 ATVs participated in the parade in Silver Bay, Minnesota. It was the second attempt at the record by ATVAM. It also tried to set the record in 2008, but fell just 56 ATVs short of beating the previous record of 1,138 set by the Harlan County Ridge Runners in Everts, Kentucky.

In addition to Minnesotans, riders came from Alaska, Nebraska, Texas, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Michigan, California, Canada and Japan.

"We are thrilled to have the record certified and that so many ATV enthusiasts and their families could join us to break the record," Parade Organizer Les Schermerhom said. "Thank you to everyone that joined us and to everyone in the city of Silver Bay for their wonderful hospitality."

To view the official Guinness Record, check out www.guinnessworldrecords. com. Click on Search the Site and enter "The Largest Parade of Quadbikes (ATVs)" in the search box. OR



Last June, more than 1,600 ATV riders get ready to break the record for the world's longest ATV parade.

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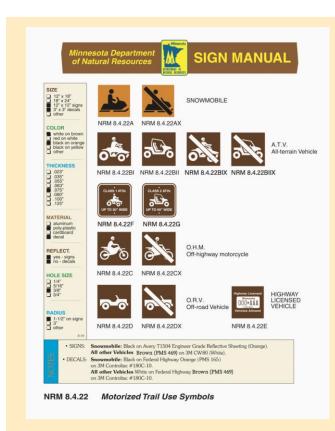
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MINATVMASTERPLAN.ORG

How Can ATV Riding Be Improved In Minnesota?

Share Your Thoughts. Take The Survey Today.

Details and registrations

at: MNATVMASTERPLAN.ORG



Signs Of The Times

ATV Minnesota has been lobbying for years to improve the signs that clubs and the Minnesota DNR post on their ATV trails, moving away from white-on-red, to the standard white-on-brown, and better defining ATV Class 1 and Class 2 images.

The DNR has approved new signage, but the wait continues. Unfortunately, as we we understand it, that the signs will not be available for ordering until sometime next year. In the meantime, ATV clubs with Grant-in-Aid trails can make the new signs on their own through their sign vendors, using the specs shown on the new DNR sign manual.

Voyageur Country ATV is working with Mesabi Sign in order to install new signs on its trail sections this year. The club is willing to help facilitate orders for other clubs. For more information, contact Bruce Beste (brucebeste@outlook.com).



Got a Good Story to Tell?

- -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. Thanks! From

the ATV MN Communications Team: Dave Halsey, Nick Wognum, Jeff Leese, Rod Wegner, Dean Schliek.



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"Your Voice To Ride"
Dedicated Volunteers
Building Fun & Sustainable
ATV Trails
(And Boardwalks, Kiosks,

(And Boardwalks, Kiosks, Parking, Outhouses & More) For The Riding Public

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.

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.
- -Discounts at some business members (watch for new list being compiled).
- -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
- -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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