



ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

Member Newsletter

July 13, 2026



Breaking News! The ATV Minnesota statewide board has decided that, due to popular demand, the annual ATV MN Ride & Roast, will continue next year, in May of 2027. It was in Isle, MN, for many years, then traveled to Remer in 2025 and Meadowlands earlier this year, hosted by local ATV clubs. One club has expressed

interest in hosting this fun ride next spring. Other clubs that may also be interested, and would like to be added to the list of potential locations, and for more information on the event, should contact Ken Irish, Ride & Roast committee chair, at 651-470-2601 or k.irish@atvmn.org. Stay tuned for more details!





Time To Elect New ATV Minnesota Executive Board Members. Two Nominations To Date.

The list is updated at atvmn.org (News page) as nominations come in.

The deadline to nominate yourself or someone you know to run in the fall ATV MN election is July 31st. To date, as shown on our website atvmn.org, two nominations have been submitted: **Nominated for ATV MN President: Perry May. Nominated for ATV MN 1st Vice President: Dean Schliek. For Secretary: open, no nominations to date.**

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. All nominations will be reviewed and verified by the Nominations Committee before being placed on the ballot.**

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)



Got A Few Minutes? Please Take This Survey On ATV Trails in Itasca County

If you've ridden on any of the ATV trails in Itasca County, such as the Bigfork and Balsam Connection (32 miles), the UPM-Blandin (21 miles), Goodland, Little Moose, and Thistledew, Sara Thompson,

Forest Recreation Specialist could use your help. Read on to learn about her important rider survey. Then please tap the link to take give Sara your thoughts.

Hello,

Itasca County is actively doing a Comprehensive Trail Study, and we would like to get numbers for our ATV trails. Respondents have an option to do the survey twice if they would like to contribute information towards another trail type, they utilize. Also, a chance to win a gift card from a local business in the Itasca County area. Our numbers are slowly coming in, and we need a big push. Please share it on your socials too! That would be great!

Riding ATV trails as the season opens?

Your experience helps planners understand how longer-distance routes and regional trail access are being used across Itasca County.

Help represent ATV riders: <https://z.umn.edu/ItascaTrails>

#ItascaTrails #ATVMN #TrailCommunity

Option B (summer primary version)

Exploring ATV trails across Itasca County this summer?

Summer riding patterns help guide future decisions about trail access, maintenance priorities, and route connections.

Share your perspective: <https://z.umn.edu/ItascaTrails>

#ATVMN #RideItasca #ItascaTrailsStudy

Any help is appreciated!

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Clubs Bring Safety Training To Mayo Clinic Trauma Center

By Chris Conroy, ATV MN Safety Committee

Byron, MN -- Southern Minnesota, comparatively, has fewer youth ATV safety training

opportunities than the northern part of the state. But despite having fewer ATV

trails and clubs, an unlikely but uniquely qualified organization is stepping in to fill the void — and it hopes the initiative eventually puts itself out of business.

The Mayo Clinic Trauma Center conducted its first youth ATV safety training session in an effort to reduce its workload. Eleven students participated in the inaugural class on June 13, 2026, to earn their ATV Safety Certification. Nicole Guerton and Emily Sohm, both representing the Mayo Clinic, said they hope to increase enrollment in future sessions.

The Bluff Country ATV Riders, an ATV Minnesota club, played a vital role in making the training a reality by transporting training props from Rushford to set up the field course. Several club members provided outdoor instruction on the course, assisted by instructors from South Metro ATV Club, North Metro Trail Riders, and Dakota SxS and ATV Club.

Other community partners included Ryan Christenson and Annette Schlag, conservation officers with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Toward Zero Deaths; M&M Lawn & Leisure, which provided the ATVs; and the Byron Sportsmen and Conservation Club, which hosted the event. Thanks to everyone who attended -- as well as those who organized, set up and ran the class -- to make it a success in southern Minnesota! *Photography by Ryan Oftedahl/Falloom Photography, Rochester, MN*





Riding ATVs With Minnesota's Snowmobile Leaders

By Perry May

The Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MnUSA) held its 2026 Summer Campout on July 9th to 13th, at Trails Inn Quadna Motel & RV

Campground, located in Hill City. (A regular advertiser in our Minnesota Wheelin magazine.)

The campout was designed to provide MnUSA members a place to gather, network with other members, recreate, and to hold some association meetings. Gordon Heitke, MnUSA Treasurer, coordinated with Harlan Kingsley from the Northwoods Quads and Perry May from the Over the Hills Gang ATV Clubs to lead campout attendees on some ATV rides on the Northwoods Regional ATV Trail System.

On Friday the group rode 64 miles roundtrip on the UPM Blandin Trail managed by the Rapid Riders, and had lunch at Zorbaz on Lake Pokegama. On Saturday the group rode 80 miles round trip to the Pickled Loon in Emily, riding on the Hill City and Emily Outing ATV Trails. Special thanks to MnUSA Region 2 Director Randy Vannet, the event host and who served as the ATV ride sweep. This was a good opportunity for MnUSA and ATV MN members to meet each other and discuss common interests.

MnUSA was organized in 1978 to protect, preserve, and promote the sport of snowmobiling. The non-profit State Association represents local snowmobilers and helps maintain Minnesota's vast trail system. Its more than 9,000 members

belong to over 250 clubs in 9 state regions, maintaining and grooming over 23,000 miles of snowmobile trails.

One Of Many Great Community Events And Rides To Attend (Check for more on the Facebook page of your club and others where you live or ride.)



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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 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.

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