

ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"
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Newsletter

460 New Members This Year Welcome...LET'S RIDE!

Riding With 500 Of Our Closest Friends. 2022 Ride & Rally Is A High-Octane Success!

We unloaded trailers in the rain. We stood in line and registered in the rain. Then, just before the 2022 Ride & Rally kicked off, it stopped raining. Rain gear was put away, smiles got bigger, and the rally cry heard among hundreds of hardy, puddle-lovin' riders attending was "No Dust!"

This year's ATV MN State Convention -- attracting 200 riders on Friday and over 500 on Saturday -- took on a fresh new look from previous years. Held September 16-18 in Fifty Lakes, Minn, it had guided rides and raffles of course, but also food trucks instead of a banquet, plus live music from solo artists and local bands, Sherp rides, fireworks, and an ATV Fair with some of the event's 70 sponsors displaying their products and services. Watch for more details and photos in the next issue of Minnesota Wheelin magazine.









Above: Many groups stopped at the selfie station on the new Emily Blind Lake Trail to capture the day's ride with a photo. Riders on both days were welcomed with the smiling faces of Erv Kleinschmidt, ATV MN treasurer, Jenn Jancsek, ATV MN admin, and many volunteers who checked in riders, sold ATV MN gear and answered dozens of questions. Thanks to all! And thanks to everyone at the City of Fifty Lakes for your cooperation and assistance over the past year, helping organize an outstanding event!









Above: Attended by 200 riders, the Friday President's Ride was 52 miles of forest roads and tight twisty trails, with a BBQ lunch at the Pickled Loon Saloon in Emily (below).

ATV MN recognized current and retiring State Legislators who have been instrumental in supporting motorized recreation, ATV trails and the clubs that build and maintain them.

Perry May gives retiring State Senator Carrie Ruud a plaque in recognition of her support of ATV MN and its legislative efforts.





Above: Event receptions, the general membership meeting with elections, updates from the DNR, raffle drawings, entertaining video productions, and live bands were staged under a giant tent with room for 400 riders.



Above: Corporate, business and club sponsors totaled 70 this year, many with displays of their products, club gear...and a dancing woodtick.



Above: Ann Raph, Fifty Lakes Deputy Clerk, was the first to take a free Sherp Ride, provided compliments of The GetAway adventure resort, Pequot Lakes.

Local musicians and live bands provided background music and evening entertainment throughout the Ride & Rally.

They included: Gigfoot, Katie Switzer, Muddy Water Band, and Adam Pearce Band.







Above: Displays for the ATV Statewide Master Plan, and Ride Command, gave riders an opportunity to talk about future trail connections, and improving navigation on rides with a trails app.

State Rep Josh Heintzeman (right in photo) visits with ATV MN president Ron Potter, NE Regional Director Darrel Palmer, and lobbyist Ray Bohn. "Our

office is always ready to fight for you and the sport we care about," said Heintzeman during the Friday night membership meeting.



Above: The Over The Hills Gang was the host club this year, with chief organizers Perry May and Rod Wegner (left in photo) and dozens of volunteers doing a great job planning, organizing and making this year's Ride & Rally fun, safe and a huge success. Thanks to all!



Above: Members of the Cass County Search And Rescue ATV Team displayed the military RZR used on missions, and to help deputies monitor trails and assist at community events. Members of the Woodtick Wheelers and Over The Hills Gang clubs participate in the SAR program.



Above: Loney Sales & Service, Walker, a Platinum Sponsor, displayed the latest CFMOTO vehicles, answering many rider questions during the ATV Fair on Saturday.



Thanks to all 70 Ride & Rally Sponsors and those who donated to the event. We will be recognizing and thanking the full list of sponsors in a future newsletter.



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. *Photo: Some went deep, testing their winching abilities, others went around, during the guided rides at this year's Ride & Rally.*



Photo (LtoR): ATV MN president Ron Potter, Fifty Lakes mayor Steve Dahlke, and ATV MN state director Perry May welcome riders at the start of the 2022 State Convention (Ride & Rally).

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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.
- -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

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- -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 <u>ATVAM</u> or call (800) 442-8826.

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