



ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

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Newsletter

1500 New Members In Past 2 Years

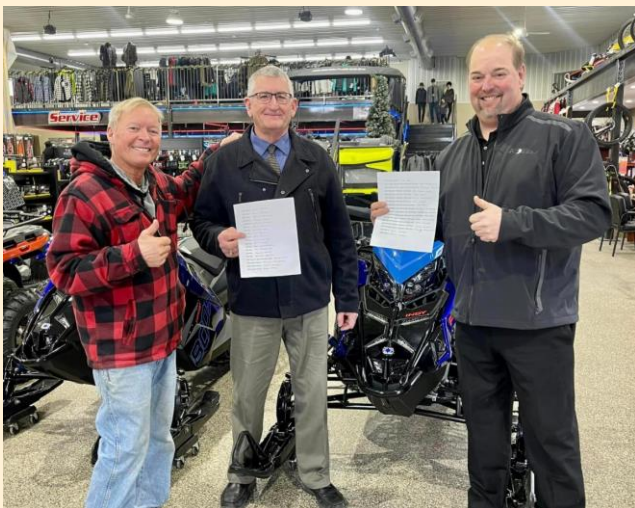
Welcome...LET'S RIDE!

**Volunteers Don't Get Paid
But They Are Priceless**
*(Hundreds work to clear snowmobile
and multi-use snowmobile/ATV trails)*



For weeks following major snowstorms, snowmobile and ATV club members and riders from all corners of the state pitched in to remove thousands of trees, clearing trails for this season's snowmobile rides and in many cases next season's ATV rides.

Above photos: Before and after pics on Paul Bunyan Trail (snowmobiles only), just north of Pequot Lakes. Photos by Ron Lee, posted on Minnesota Snowmobile Riders FB page: "Grateful for all the hard work of many volunteers to clear the trails."



One of many Facebook posts we've seen thanking volunteers.

From the FB page of Ray's Sport and Cycle, Grand Rapids dealership. The 'Great Week of Trail Clearing' was a huge success! Lawron Trail Riders Snowmobile Club President Jeff Elich spearheaded this event along with Itasca Driftskippers, Swampsiders Snowmobile & ATV Club, Greenway Snowmobile Club

and HayPoint Jackpine Snowmobile Club. **The five clubs had 131 people show up and clear 471 miles of trails!** Trails were impassable and in dire need of lots of hard work. We applaud each and everyone of you who volunteered your time! Pictured is the list of drawing winners. We also have a list of all who checked in with the clubs for the 15% coupon valid at Ray's Sport & Cycle! "



Dreaming Of Summer Rides On Minnesota's State ATV Trails

Blue sky, warm breezes. The cover of the Jan/Feb issue of Minnesota Wheelin may get you planning your summer rides. Hot off the press, this issue is now arriving in the mailboxes of all members of ATV MN and the MN4WDA. It has articles on group overlanding trips made in SxSs and Jeeps, winter ATV trails, whip lights and more.

Another great cover photo by Wayne Davis, this time featuring a CFMOTO CFORCE 1000 Overland, provided for our photo shoot by Loney Sales & Service, Walker.



A big THANK-YOU to everyone who contributed to this issue, and to the many companies that support our State Associations by advertising in Minnesota Wheelin, including 13 charter advertisers shown here that have had ads in issues since Vol. 1 No. 1 in January of 2021.

Minnesota Wheelin magazine has helped ATV

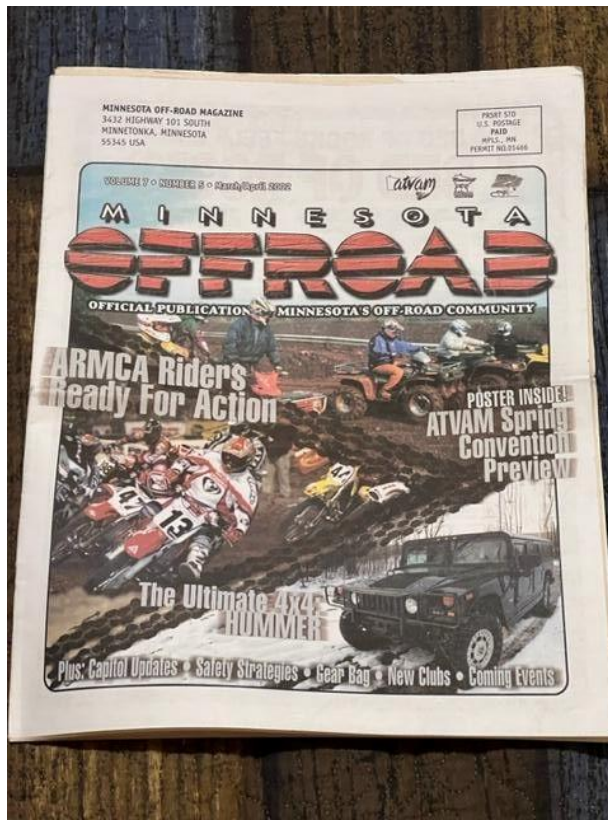
MN gain about 1,500 new members in the past 2 years. Invite friends, family and your ride group not currently getting the magazine to learn more and join ATV MN (atvmn.org) or the MN4WDA (mn4wda.org). The magazine is part of the membership!

Registration Is Now Open For The 2023 ATV MN Ride & Roast

Last year, over 300 riders attended this great event, which includes a pancake breakfast, guided rides with trail lunch, and a fun banquet dinner. 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 more details. Flyer by Dean Schliek, ATV MN comm team. Register your ride group today at this link:

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



Wanted: ATVAM and ATV MN Memories & Memorabilia for 40th Anniversary Celebrations

To: Current and past ATV MN leaders, ATV club leaders and all ATV MN members

Last year, MN4WDA had a nice article in our Minnesota Wheelin magazine about their 35th Anniversary, including a timeline showing its major accomplishments and events.

We'd like to do the same for ATV Minnesota's 40th Anniversary in 2023. We have thousands of new members over the past few years who may not know what

we've done in the past. And veteran members would be able to review milestones and reinforce why they belong to ATV MN and are dedicated to its mission.

But we need your help.

Ray Bohn, our awesome ATV MN lobbyist for the past 30 years, sent us a chronology of DNR bills approved and made into law for 1984 to 2007, which is a great start and covers some major milestones.



For those of you who have been involved with ATVAM (now ATV MN) as its president, a club president or member, please think back and send us your thoughts. ---About ATV MN's or your club's challenges and accomplishments. -About ATV MN sponsored bills that became law from 2007 to today, with as much detail as possible. -About major events from your time as ATV MN leader or club member, such as the Silver Bay record-setting parades, ATV Fairs, etc. -Photos of your parade T-shirts, vintage ATVAM clothing, whatever you have, please send us whatever you can.

We'll compile it all and see what we can do in a magazine article,

and a printed handout or poster for Ride & Roast and Ride & Rally. Send your memories, thoughts about ATV MN's progress and evolution, its important legislation and photos to Dave Halsey, communications director, at d.halsey@atvmn.org.

ATVMN Memorabilia To Be Displayed At ATV MN Events

We are also planning to display vintage ATV MN memorabilia, parade T-shirts, gear and publications at Ride & Roast. Please dig through your basement or attic and let us know what you have. Contact Dave Halsey (d.halsey@atvmn.org) or Ken Irish (k.irish@atvmn.org). Examples shown in photos: March 2002 ATVAM newspaper, and a magazine article about the 2009 record-breaking parade.



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT



In preparation for the 2023 Trail Ambassador season, the Minnesota DNR Enforcement Division is offering two **Trail Ambassador** training sessions.

Trail Ambassador Training Information

All participants will receive a reference manual and handouts. Length of training is 6 1/2 hours. Topics of instruction include emphasis on trail monitoring, trail log reporting, trail ambassador policies, equipment, and public relations expectations.

Morning refreshments and Lunch will be provided at no charge.

In order to attend, a sponsorship from a qualified off-highway vehicle organization is required. The [Trail Ambassador webpage](#) explains the history and qualifications.

ATV Safety Instructor Requirement

A trail ambassador is expected to be involved with youth ATV Safety certification training. A person must obtain certification as a MN DNR Volunteer Youth ATV Safety Training Instructor prior to April 1, 2023.

Trail Ambassador Training Dates

Date: **Saturday November 19, 2022** Pre-registration required (No Walk Ins)

*Last date to register is November 17th.

Location: Camp Ripley - EMTC building
15011 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN 56345

Date: **Saturday January 28, 2023** Pre-registration required (No Walk Ins)

*Last date to register is January 26th.

Location: Camp Ripley - EMTC building
15011 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN 56345

See page 2 to complete registration

ATV Safety Instructor And Trail Ambassador Training Coming Up

The DNR has posted three training classes in January (14th, 17th and 21st) for ATV Safety Instructors and one for Trail Ambassadors (January 28th).

About 200 TAs currently monitor our State ATV Trails on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the riding season, answering questions, passing out maps and other materials, and keeping trails safe for the riding public. Clubs receive a DNR grant to reimburse their TAs for allowed expenses. There are

prerequisites, including completing training as an ATV Safety Instructor. Page one of the flyer is shown. To learn more and to register for one of the ATV Instructor Classes, and/or the Trail Ambassador Training Classes, go to this link: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/training.html>

FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT GRANT

2023 Program Manual



In Partnership With
Minnesota Recreational Trail
Users Association (MRTUA)

Revised 12/2022

February 25, 2023 Deadline For Federal RTP Grant Applications

The 2023 Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant application is now available on the DNR website. Tips:

- Plan far ahead to meet the Feb 25 deadline.
 - Include letters of support.
 - Support letters from ATV MN are permitted.
 - If application is for a multi-use trail, know that it is for the life of the trail.
 - Read information carefully related to the "Buy American" details.
- Learn more at:

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_federal.html

SAVE THE DATES!

May 20, 2023
Ride & Roast / ATV MN
40th Anniversary

McQuoid's Inn, Isle, MN
Registration is now open at atvmn.org

Sept 22-24, 2023
ATV MN State Convention
Ride & Rally

Host clubs: Quad Cities ATV Club, Ranger
Snowmobile & ATV Club
Location: Giants Ridge, Biwabik



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. Thanks!
From the ATV MN Communications Team: Dave Halsey, Nick Wognum, Jeff Leese,
Dean Schliek (*Photo by Dean*).



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



As a Corporate Sponsor:

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

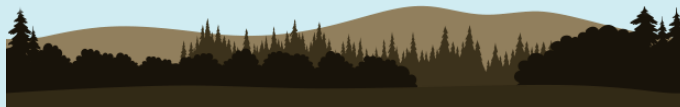
Four levels: \$2,500 Bronze / \$5,000 Silver / \$10,000 Gold / \$25,000 Platinum

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!

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