



ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

September 9, 2022

Newsletter

443 New Members This Year

Welcome...LET'S RIDE!

**Top Off Your Tank.
Load Up Your Trailer.
Ride & Rally Is Here!**

Snap a photo of the schedule below to catch all the fun.



ATV MN State Convention Schedule of Events
Event Headquarters at 40430 County Rd. 3, Fifty Lake, MN

Thursday 9.15.22

- 7pm – Welcome party at Fifty Lakes

Friday 9.16.22

- 7-10am Registration /Check-in
- 8:00am Breakfast Burritos /Coffee /Juice for sale
- 10am – Event Kickoff & President Ride(s) Begins
- 12:30pm -2pm – Presidents Ride Lunch @ Pickled Loon Saloon of Emily, MN
- 4-7pm – Dinner on your own around the area
- 7 - 8pm – ATVMN General Membership Meeting /Elections
- 8pm / Video, ATVMN Clubs, “3000 miles”
- 8:45pm – Band and Bonfire (GigFoot)

Saturday 9.17.22

- 7am – Pancake Breakfast@ Fifty Lakes hosted by Emily/Outing Snowbirds Snowmobile Club
- 7 –10am Registration /Check-In
- 8:30am-11am – Guided ATV Rides begin. Check ride options for planned leave time.
- 11am-6pm – ATV Fair (ATV Accessories, Apparel, Dealers, Manufacturers, Rider Info)
- 11am-11pm – Food / Beverages / Beer Tent / Music
- 6-7pm- Raffle Drawings
- 7pm – ATVMN & Sponsors Video Presentation
- 8 -11pm -Music (Adam Pearce Band)
- 9 pm - Fireworks

Sunday 9.18.22

- 9am ATVMN Board Meeting at Fifty Lakes Community Center
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Have you reserved your wristband?
Please pre-register your ride group at atvmn.org.
That will help us a lot the morning of the event.

Ride & Rally is our major fundraiser of the year. Whether you are coming for the day or the weekend, live down the road or are trailering a long distance, going on one of the guided rides or choosing the ride-on-your-own option, **please register today.**





Photo above: Looking east toward the pavilion/bandshell, from the parking area across Cty Road 3. There will be plenty of trailer parking, with volunteers directing traffic off Cty Road 1 (from Emily and Pine River) and Cty Road 3 (from Crosslake). See you there!



ATV MN State Convention
Sept 16-18, 2022, Fifty Lakes

Ride Rules, Trail Etiquette

Help us make Ride & Rally safe and fun for everyone attending

1. Check-In at Registration - Arrive ½ hour before your ride leaves – Check in with Ride Leader.
2. If born after July 1, 1987, and you are 16 years or older, you must have an ATV Safety Certificate.
3. Riders age 12-15 need an ATV Safety Certificate and must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian in separate machine.
4. Only Class 1 (less than 50”) and Class 2 (50” to 65”) ATVs will be allowed on guided rides.
5. Ride with your lights on - It is a state law.

6. All riders and passengers under 18 years old must wear a D.O.T. approved helmet.
7. Get to know the rider behind you and in front of you.
8. You are responsible for the rider behind you. If you lose sight of them, pull over to the right side of the trail and wait.
9. Wait at intersections to see if the rider behind you is following.
10. Always stay with your group, don't ride off-trail.
11. Pull over to the right and ride slowly for any approaching riders.
12. Give yourself plenty of following distance to ensure adequate stopping.
13. Understand and obey all MN Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations and local ATV ordinances.
14. Maintain a speed of less than 30 mph on all County or Township Road connections
15. Follow posted speed limits if less than 30 mph.
16. Yield for all pedestrians, and slow down in residential areas.
17. Practice "Ride Sober" and hold off using any alcohol or chemicals that affect your driving abilities.
18. Wear your seat belt if equipped.
19. Stay on the Trail, and on far right on all township & county roads.

Speak as if everyone is listening.

Ride as if everyone is watching.

*Post as if everyone is reading. **THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION!***



Thanks To Everyone Who Helped At This Year's Photo Shoot

It was a full day of action on September 2nd at the Blind Lake Trail and Connector Trail. Our goal was to have fun, ride safe and get great photos for our Minnesota Wheelin magazine, sent to all members of ATV MN. We accomplished all three, with a great group of drivers and a wide variety of quads and side-by-sides.

Thanks to all the drivers who spent the day with pro photographer Wayne Davis and the ATV MN Communications Team, setting up and shooting photography for future magazine covers and articles.

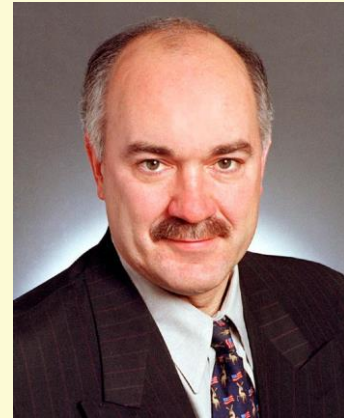
We also want to thank two Walker, Minn, dealerships: Lakes Area Powersports for loaning us a Can-Am Maverick X3, and Loney Sales & Service for use of a CFMOTO CFORCE 1000 Outland. Also in the mix were Arctic Cat, Honda and Polaris vehicles.

A big thank-you to Wayne Davis, the best powersports photographer in the country, for spending a day scouting locations and a long day shooting, especially in the afternoon sun and dust. Wayne has 40 years experience shooting for ATV and snowmobile manufacturers, aftermarket companies, magazines and more. He is in the Snowmobile Hall of Fame, for his decades of contribution to the sport of snowmobiling. Many of this year's cover photos on Minnesota Wheelin were shot by Wayne last year. Watch for photos from this year's shoot in future issues of Minnesota Wheelin.
Thanks everyone!

Remembering Minnesota State Senator David Tomassoni

By Ray Bohn, ATV MN lobbyist

Senator David J. Tomassoni, 69, of Chisholm, Minn, died on August 11, 2022, as a result of his battle with ALS. For the last 30 years, his passion for the people of Chisholm and the Iron Range was second to none. Sen. Tomassoni was a good and dear friend of Minnesota's ATV clubs and riders. He worked with ATV Minnesota throughout his service in the Minnesota Legislature, including the House of Representatives (1992-2000) and the State Senate (2000-2022). His strong support over the years helped ensure that ATV riding in Minnesota is considered a legitimate and great sport for its citizens and the state's economy. While always supporting our policy pursuits, he was particularly instrumental in passing budgetary legislation for trail development in northern Minnesota. The next time you are riding on an ATV trail anywhere in Minnesota, please tip your cap in honor of our long-time supporter and friend, Senator Tomassoni.



ATV MN Promotes Trails, Safety At Two Major Events

Each year, ATV Minnesota joins the other three motorized State Associations to promote trails, safety and responsible riding at two big events. The Coalition of Recreational Trail Users (3 members from ATV MN, MnUSA, MN4WDA and ARMCA/AMA District 23), set up the group's Education Trailer at the **State Fair**

during **Trails Day**, August 25th, visiting with fair goers, answering questions and passing out reg books, trail maps and other helpful materials.



Three days later, on August 28th, they did it again at the **Youth Outdoor Activity Day, held in Alexandria, Minn.** It's a free family-friendly event that provides a fun environment for youth to learn about outdoor recreation. Hosted and organized by two non-profit groups, Viking Sportsmen Inc. and Douglas County Pheasants Forever, it's made possible through a consortium of participating volunteer organizations, businesses, individuals, and donors.

Also at that event, the **Runestone Off-road ATV Riders club (ROAR)** gave young people rides in their SxSs, for many of the youth their first off-road ride, and visited with parents about riding ATVs safely and responsibly. *(Photo from 2021 event)*

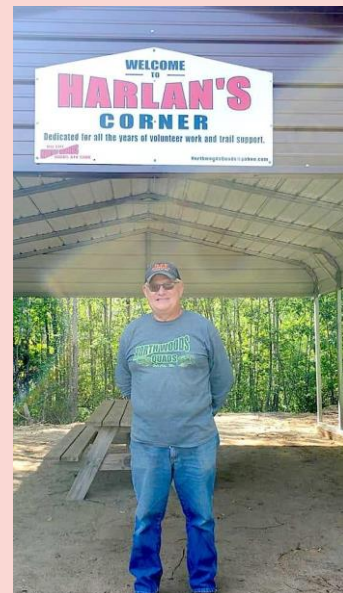


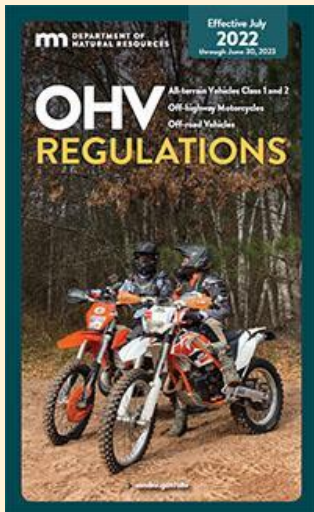
Thieves Who Ride. Unfortunately, They Are Out There.

The North Woods Quads, Hill City, put up a sign on a trail shelter they recently dedicated to Harlan Kingsley (in photo at new shelter). Then someone stole it. If you know who took it, or see it in someone's garage or barn, or on social media, please let us or the club know.

And from the Hill City Police Department:

ATVers, we are very fortunate to have some awesome trails around here and some even more awesome clubs that take care of them, we for the most part leave ATVers alone but we have seen an uptick in traffic on the state highways in and around town. **State law does NOT allow ATVs on the highways.** There is one spot east of town on Hwy 200 where you leave the trail, cross a bridge and get back on the trail, other than that you cannot drive on the State Highways of 169 and 200. You are welcome to use the city and county streets to get around but just because it's only 2 blocks or a shorter distance to the gas station or restaurant you still cannot ride on the highways. You can cross at a 90 degree angle to get across the highway but we are seeing more and more ATVers cruising down the highways. We don't want to resort to ticketing but it's for your safety and other vehicles. Any questions feel free to reach out to us at the PD and we can either answer your question or get you in touch with the DNR. Have a safe and enjoyable fall.





New OHV Regulations Book, Effective July 2022

The updated, 40-page OHV Reg book lists "What's New," and complete regulations for ATVs, OHMs and ROVs. Watch for the ATV MN ad on page 4. The book is downloadable. You can also request copies for your ATV club members, Trail Ambassadors, and to hand out at meetings and community events. Contact the Info Center at 888-646-6367 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Or send an email with your request to: info.dnr@state.mn.us

To download the new reg book, visit this website:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/ohv/index.html>



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: Thanks to Brian Moon and his son for participating in this year's ATV MN photo shoot. What a fun day!*



Photo from the Voyageur Country ATV Facebook page: "Prospectors ATV club has a new bridge over the Beaver River. Check it out if you are up in the area!"

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.

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.

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