



Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club May 2022 Newsletter



Spring Meeting Was Great!

Thanks to everyone who came, and special thanks to Judy, Lewie and Dave for cooking and serving a great pancake breakfast, to those who set up the gear for our 50%-off sale, and to Pam and Dave Shaw for their cashier work taking payments for member renewals and clothing sales.

SAR Team Training Includes Mock ATV Accident

The Search & Rescue ATV Team had its latest training session May 7th at the Cass Cty Land Dept building in Backus. Members of our club and the Over The Hills Gang were introduced to new technology used by the Sheriff's Office, including the latest radios, a drone system and a mobile app used on missions in the county. First aid training was also included, along with a mock ATV crash involving injuries. Thanks to had Chad Emery, Emergency Management Coordinator, and the other Deputies who organized and participated in the training.



Emily Outing Trail Segment Closed

For those who ride the Emily Outing Trail this year, including our club's TAs, the segment along State 6 from the intersection of Pappoose Road (by the Pickled Look Saloon) south to Mill Road is closed for the season to protect the local watershed. Use the "AB" and "B" trail to make trail connections between Outing and Emily.

Next Up:

May 21 — Club ride at ATV Minnesota Ride & Roast in Isle, MN. We expect over 200 riders at this fun all-day ride. Event details and registration are at atvmn.org. See you there!

Also May 21 — Our Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on State 200, 10 a.m., meet at Andersons South Shore resort (formerly Huddles). Contact Scott Agre if you can help: 913-219-5021.

June 4— Club Ride on Round River Drive ATV Trail, Akeley. A club favorite. Meet at 9 am at Stompin Grounds Lodge & Campground, 26993 MN-64, 3 miles north of Akeley. Large parking area. Ride till about 1 or 2 pm, have lunch at the Lodge. Ride leader is Paul Vashro: pav10@aol.com, 763-420-8147.



June 11—Two ATV Safety Classes, Walker Area Community Center, 105 Tower Ave. Youths must pre-register and take DNR on-line course prior to class, details on DNR website. Class #1 - 9 a.m. to noon (kids should arrive 30 minutes early to register). Class #2 - 1 to 4 p.m. Details and instructor signup sheet for two classes will be sent by Craig Wadzink, team leader: 763-300-0094 cdwadzink@gmail.com. Classes fill up fast, call Craig to register young rider ages 10-15. Parent must also attend class, sign paperwork. (Photo by parent used with approval.)



How Can ATV Riding Be Improved In Minnesota? Share Your Thoughts. Take The Survey!

The Minnesota ATV Statewide Strategic Plan (aka Master Plan) will identify strategies to enhance the ATV program of the Minnesota DNR, and address the growing demand for ATV riding opportunities, while also considering the long-term

environmental and financial impacts of trail development. Learn more and take the survey at MNATVMasterPlan.org. The survey is on page 2 of the website and takes just 15-20 minutes. Best of all, it's your chance to say what you like about ATV riding in Minnesota, and what you'd like to see in the future.

2021 ATV Accidents Involving Fatalities. The Goal: Zero The Current Total: Too High

Total: 21 (2020: 27, 2019: 12)
Age range: 9 to 85
Type of terrain: Road ROW/Ditch: 11
 Private Property: 5 Gov't Marked Trail: 3
 Other: 2
Type of accident: Operator thrown from machine: 3 Struck fixed object: 5
 Machine rollover: 10 Fell out of machine: 1
 Pedestrian: 1 Car collision: 1
Alcohol involved: 5
ATV Safety Certificate: Yes: 1 No: 20

2021 SUMMARY OF FATAL ATV/OHM/ORV ACCIDENTS
 February 15, 2022

Number of ATV Class I Fatalities	13
Number of ATV Class II Fatalities	8
Number of Off Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Fatalities	0
Number of Off Highway Vehicle (ORV) Fatalities	0

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership, paying by mail or at the spring meeting, and to everyone who bought club gear at 50% off! Please renew your membership if you haven't already. If you joined in the fall of 2021 your dues are paid for this year.

Thanks to all the businesses that support our club!

Please support them:

American Legion Post 202, Arrowhead Builders Supply / Longville, A&N Computers / St. Cloud, Bear Pause Theaters, Big Dipper Restaurant, Birchwood Char House, First National Bank North, Ironside Trailer Sales & Service / Harmony, Kevin Larson Construction, Lakes Area Powersports / Walker, North Lakes Marine & Auto / Longville, Ray's Sport and Cycle / Grand Rapids, Remer Motel & Campgrounds, The One Stop / Longville, Trosen Electric, Stompin' Grounds / Akeley, Swanson's Bait and Tackle, Southside Fuel Plus, Select Seamless Gutters / Crosslake, Loney Sales & Service / Walker *(let us know if we forgot anyone)*

Send us your questions or comments about the club, ATV regs, trails, ATV MN, safety training...we cannot be stumped! :)

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