

Reminder: 2025 Ride & Rally Heads To Silver Bay

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ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

Member Newsletter

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440 New Members In 2024 Welcome...Let's Ride!





Announcing The 2025 ATV Minnesota State Convention/Ride & Rally -- in Silver Bay, September 26-28!

(An invitation to attend, from the host clubs)

Dear Riders,

Tervetuloa – Welcome from the beautiful North Shore! We are thrilled to invite you to the 2025 Ride & Rally and can't wait to celebrate this exciting journey with you!

This is a fantastic opportunity for off-road enthusiasts to come together and explore scenic trails on Minnesota's beautiful North Shore, surrounded by the spectacular fall colors. Get ready for a fun-filled weekend of adventure and camaraderie!

The ATV MN Ride & Rally event is open to riders of all skill levels. This year, we offer a variety of guided trail rides available to suit your preferences. You will be riding through the Sawtooth Mountains, with vistas of river canyons as well as scenic overlooks of Lake Superior.

You will traverse trails that wind through the Superior National Forest and Finland State Forest where you'll experience true wilderness riding.

On Friday, September 26th, we kick off the weekend with the President's Ride. We will leave the Rukavina Ice Arena, traveling through Silver Bay and on to the trail systems of the Wild Country ATV Club, Silver Trail Rider Snow/ATV Club, Finland Snow/ATV Club, and the C.J. Ramstad State Trail. Our destination will be the Finland Community Center, where we will have lunch, before returning to Silver Bay.

On Saturday, September 27th, you can choose from a number of guided trail rides starting in Two Harbors, Silver Bay, or Finland. There will be plenty of opportunities for socializing and networking, including the banquet on Saturday



evening at the Rukavina Ice Arena in Silver Bay. You can choose the guided ride that best suits your plans for lodging or camping.

Some ride groups choose to ride on their own. Here is a link to the guided ride options, so you can start thinking about which to attend:

https://docs.google.com/document/d /1tIC2acEwyV3LW5B3y8DyvJ8ZxS-GXbfi4axz3Im678k/edit?tab=t.0



The official Ride and Rally registration will be posted on the ATV MN website soon.

However, it will be important to **secure your Ride and Rally lodging ASAP, as hotels and campgrounds** (including the Black Beach Municipal Campground in Silver Bay) **sell out quickly during September.**

Here is a link to lodging/camping in the area:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l YFPf1Y_JWAleEkuvxEmu7Mjqjzw9b5B XPrav5QO1y4/edit?tab=t.0

Join us for an unforgettable weekend of riding, adventure, and friendships, both old and new. We are looking forward to your visit!
See you soon!

Your 2025 Ride & Rally Hosts:

ATV Minnesota Finland Snowmobile/ATV Club Silver Trail Riders Snowmobile/ATV Club Wild Country ATV Club

Top vehicle photo by Lou Ann Marks. Bottom two photos by Dean Schliek. Thanks!

Articles below are from an earlier newsletter, all important events and news, worth repeating.





Advocate For ATV Trails! Plan on attending the ATV MN 2025 Legislative Reception

When: March 5, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Where: Radisson Hotel, Downtown St. Paul, 161 St. Anthony Ave.

ATV Minnesota, its board, members and ATV member clubs from across the state will gather in person at this fun and informal Legislative Reception, meeting with our State Senators and Representatives, to advocate on behalf of

ATV recreation and our 2025 Legislative priorities. The Radisson is just 1 block from the State Capitol which makes it convenient for Legislators to stop by and visit with their constituents who belong to ATV clubs. Parking is free, hors d'oeuvres served, a cash bar.

ATV MN members and member clubs are encouraged to invite their Legislators, as constituents, to this important event. Don't know who your Legislators are? Tap this link and type in your zip code to find out the names of your State Senator and Representative: https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/

Questions? Please e-mail **jeff@costingroupmn.com**. Thank you and we hope you can join us on Wednesday, March 5th!



Announcing An Exclusive Offer From AMSOIL!

AMSOIL is a major sponsor of ATV Minnesota and the MN4WD Association, placing full-page ads in our Minnesota Wheelin magazine for many years. As an added benefit to belonging to our State Associations, we've partnered with AMSOIL on an exclusive offer available to all our members. It's a complimentary, 6-month AMSOIL Preferred Customer membership. Benefits include: up to 25% off premium AMSOIL products, free shipping on orders over \$100 and more.

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Visit **AMSOIL.com/cluboffer** and use promo code **CLUB[member#**] at checkout before May 31, 2025. (Example: CLUB12345) Your member number is located on the mailing label of your Minnesota Wheelin magazine and on your ATV MN membership card.

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What Is Your Vision For ATV Recreation In Minnesota?

This year's ATV Minnesota Vision Conference will be held at Appeldoorn's Sunset Bay Resort.

Date: March 29th and 30th, 2025 Address: 45401 Mille Lacs Parkway Isle, MN 56342 Phone: 320-676-8834 https://www.appeldoorns.com/

Appeldoorn's is offering a great discount to all who stay there for the Vision Conference. Lodge suites, rooms and on-site cabins are available for our members. When booking your reservation, be sure to tell the front desk you'll be staying for the ATV MN Conference.



Vision Conference Registration Is Now Open ... Please Register Early!

This fun gathering of ATV clubs from across the state is always well attended. At the annual Vision Conference, the ATV Minnesota Executive Board, Regional Directors and ATV clubs discuss a wide range of topics, with one goal: creating a clear Vision for ATV MN, and the Action Items needed to move it and its 70 member clubs forward, and advance our state's awesome ATV trail system.

It's also your chance to buy new ATV MN gear, reappoint or elect new Regional Directors...and more. **Event registration is \$30 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments at breaks.** The in-person board meeting is Sunday morning, 8 a.m. to noon. Please register early so we can plan for attendance. Register at this link: **https://membership.atvmn.org/vision/**

Three More Opportunities To Become An ATV Safety Instructor With Your Club

Certified Volunteer Recreational Vehicle Instructor Clinic - ATV & Snowmobile.

These DNR classes are to become a certified volunteer instructor to teach DNR ATV and Snowmobile Safety. The certification will allow you to teach the Hybrid ATV and the



Hybrid and Classroom Snowmobile Safety Classes.

Certification requirements:

- At least 18 years old
- Pass a Background check
- Complete Application/Background check forms and volunteer agreement provided by the RTO
- Current ATV certified
- Current Snowmobile certified (for snowmobile)

#1 Class Information - New Ulm

Class Date: Saturday, 03/01/2025 Class Time: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Class Location: MN DNR Southern Region Headquarters

21371 State Highway 15 New Ulm, MN 56073

County: Brown R4 ~ JM

Save your seat at the training session and provide the information listed below to Regional Training Officer *Jen Mueller* at **Jennifer.Mueller@state.mn.us**

Name(s) attendingDate of the training

• Phone Number or email address

#2 Class Information - Hastings

Class Date: Wednesday, 05/07/2025 Class Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 am

Class Location: Dakota County Sheriff's Office

1580 Highway 55 Hastings, MN 55033 County: Dakota R3 ~ CW

Save your seat at the training session and provide the information listed below to Regional Training Officer *Corey Wiebusch* at **Corey.wiebusch@state.mn.us**

Name(s) attendingDate of the training

• Phone Number or email address

#3 Class Information - Rushford

Class Date: Saturday, May 17, 2025 Class Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm Class Location: Rushford Fire Hall

407 S Elm St

Rushford MN 55971

County: Fillmore

Save your seat at the training session and provide the information listed below to Regional Training Officer *Corey Wiebusch* at **corey.wiebusch@state.mn.us**

- Name(s) attending
- Date of the training
- Phone Number or email address



Reminder: Feb 21st Comment Deadline The ATV Strategic Master Plan It's out for public comment to the DNR.

There are three OHV Strategic Master Plans now in the public comment period with the Minnesota DNR, for ATVs, OHMs and ORVs. These DNR plans have been years in the making, working in partnership with all three OHV State Associations. They are intended to be guiding documents for OHV recreation across all sectors and geographic areas in Minnesota. The ATV Strategic Master Plan is part

history lesson on ATV riding in Minnesota, a close look at the the current state of ATV trails, the possibilities for future trails and much more.

It's also 107 pages long.

To help ATV MN members and member clubs get a handle on the ATV Strategic Master Plan and how to comment on it, we asked Ron Potter, ATV MN president, to give us his perspective. We also asked Perry May, ATV grant manager with the Over The Hills Gang, and who was instrumental in getting the Master Plan created and funded, for his initial comments. See their insights and comments in the January 27th ATV MN newsletter.



Where To Comment

The plans, overview document and details on commenting are available on the OHV planning project at:

https://engage.dnr.state.mn.us/offhighway-vehicle-strategic-master**plans**. Printed copies of the plans are available by request. Comments on the draft plans must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21.



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Seventy dedicated ATV clubs and their volunteers, building and maintaining fun, sustainable ATV trails for the riding public (and bridges, boardwalks, kiosks, parking, selfie stations and more).

Invite friends and family to join today. Gift memberships available!

Graphic: A huge THANK YOU! to Dean Schliek, with the ATV MN Comm Team, who each year designs many event flyers for ATV MN and its member clubs and trail alliances.



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 our twice-

monthly newsletter. Send renewals to ATV MN, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079. You can also join/renew at atvmn.org.

Belonging to ATV Minnesota, you join thousands of riders throughout the state, have fun, and help create a positive future for ATV riding in Minnesota.



As a family or individual member, for \$30, you receive:

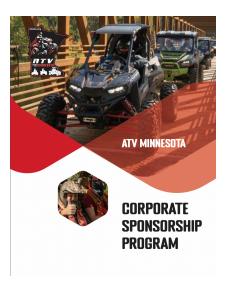
- -A subscription to Minnesota Wheelin magazine (published times 6 a year).
- -Twice-monthly newsletter by email with the latest news
- -Membership card and ATV MN logo sticker for your ATV.
- -Invitations to events, including our Legislative Summit, Vision Conference, Ride & Roast in the spring, and 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

to provide funding for new trail systems.

As a business member, for \$90 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.
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