



From OTHG President Perry May



Hello Members, Friends and Supporters of the Over the Hills Gang ATV Club and Thank You for everyone's efforts in making 2017 a safe and fun riding season. I hope you all had a chance to get out and ride and enjoy some of the great fall colors before the wet snow fell on October 27th. The wet snow brought down many small tree's and branches onto the trail making some of the trail sections impassable. OTHG Trail Coordinator Ben Allen made a solo trip clearing much of the trail, and the MN DNR Forestry Crews set out the next week to clear downfall, however, a second wet snow

fell again the first week of November bringing down more branches. We will have work to do, to clear trails for the spring 2018 opener. Although we do not have formal club meetings during the months of November, December, and January, there are many things to do such as preparing for 2018 club events and fundraisers, preparing our 2018 Grant-In-Aid Request, meeting with local businesses and government officials on trail issues and improvements, and keeping you all informed on ATV news. Active involvement and communication are keys to a great club; which include input from members, Facebook and Website updates, Newsletters, and Volunteering. Please continue to share with us your ideas and comments regarding our Emily /Outing Trail or on Club happenings.

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Last ride of the Season

Club Members Pat and Larry Dale, along with friend Dave Smiler took this picture in the golden aspens on the north end of the Moose River Trail.



13 ATV Trails In Minnesota Remain Open Year-Round (reprinted from the ATVAM newsletter)

Not ready to hang up your helmet? You don't have to. Although most State ATV Trails are now closed, 13 are open throughout the winter (except during Big Game Hunting Season, and on any groomed and signed snowmobile trails). Before you head out, check out two things:

1) the MN DNR ATV Trail Closure List for the current trail status, which can change with the weather. And 2) the 2017 MN DNR Hunting & Trapping Regulations for restrictions on ATV use during deer hunting season in your area.

According to the MN DNR website, these ATV Trails are open year-round:
-Appleton Area Rec Park -Bemis Hill Trails -Fond du Lac State Forest Trails
-Gandy Dancer Trail -General CC Andrews State Forest Trails -Genoa Trail
-Meeker County OHV Park -Moose River Trail (accessed from Ben Draper parking area only)
-Nemadji State Forest OHV Trails -Spider Lake Trails -Tri-County Park
-Warroad/Roseau Trails -Washington/Ramsey Trail

Membership Updates

We are currently sending the club newsletter via e-mail to all members that we have an e mail address for. We can send up to two e mail addresses for each member.

If you know of any members that are not receiving the e newsletter, have them send their contact information to jrem53@gmail.com, or there is a membership application on the website, www.overthehillsgang.org Please contact jrem53@gmail.com if you would like the newsletter mailed or know of a member that does not have internet

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Dave Kodada new TA in 2017

Dave is our newest OTHG Club MN DNR Trail Ambassador. Dave is seen here stopping by a bevy of Trumpeter Swans along the North Soo Line Trail. Dave completed training for being a Certified ATV Safety Instructor and MN DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassador Training in 2017. We are always looking for additional (TA's), so if you are interested, please email Jim Remington at jrem53@gmail.com or go to the MN DNR website, www.dnr.state.mn.us and look under the Education and Safety tab.

Emily /Outing Trail Update

- The Emily /Outing ATV Trail is closed effective on November 1st, 2017 and will reopen on May 1st, 2018, with the exception of temporary closures due to wet soil conditions.
- The Moose River Trails are open year-round except during big game season, or for temporary closure. Always check the MN DNR website for trail closures. The Moose River Trails cannot be accessed using the Emily /Outing "A" or "B" trails.
- Emily / Blind Lake Trail is making progress towards New Grant-In-Aid application. Further reviews of wetland crossings and constructions costs are needed before application. The OTHG Club continues to work with our Trail Sponsor, Crow Wing County, to complete this process of designing and building this trail connection to the Northwoods Regional Trail System.
- Our 2018 Emily / Outing Grant-In-Aid application is due November 30th, 2017. OTHG club

members have prioritized a list of both maintenance and trail improvement issues and will submit this application before the deadline.

Need a new ride for 2018?

Whether you are looking to purchase a new ATV or in need of repairs for your current machine, look to our OTHG Business Sponsors first. They have various makes, models, Class I or II machines, repair parts, and certified repair professionals you are looking for. Contact these great Club Sponsors.....

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Fowler Electric, 9054 Grand Avenue south, Bloomington, MN, ph. 952-884-5401. or www.fowlerdistributors.com

Rays Sport & Cycle, 20890 US Hwy 169 South, Grand Rapids, MN, ph.800-799-7297 or www.rayssportandcycle.com

Seaberg Motorsports, 36160 County Rd. 66, Cross Lake MN, ph:218-692-2345 or www.seabergmotorsports.com

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