



Ride Safe

One of the most important thing our club can do is to promote safe, ethical, and responsible ATV riding. We do this in a number of ways such as holding Youth ATV Training in the Spring, making our trails safe, directing ATV riders to the Trails using directional signs and maps, and participating in the MN DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassador Program. We recently have been communicating with the Cass County Sheriff Department to discuss improved ways of locating and finding lost riders, or helping riders with breakdowns. All Accidents are all preventable, and some of the most basic prevention habits are wearing a helmet, mind your speed, ride with lights on, and eliminate the use of alcohol when on the trail.

Helmets are required for all ATV riders and passengers under the age of 18 - It is the Law! For riders over 18, it just makes good sense to protect your most valuable asset; and that is your brain. I personally know individuals who have suffered life changing brain injuries due to an ATV accident.

Speed is a controllable factor while on the trails. Different sections of trails can accommodate different speeds. A straight section is much different than a winding rocky section. Safe following distances are needed when riding in a group. Trail conditions such as rain, fog, bugs dust, wildlife or when riding through residential areas or on roads accompanied by other modes of transportation require us all to mind our speed.

Riding with Lights On is not only the Law, but a safe riding habit so others can see you. Lights can help other riders see you through trail dust, or fog and it just may be what a highway licensed vehicle observes when you are crossing or riding on an approved road surface.

Alcohol will impair your riding abilities. As of August 1st, 2018, a new DWI law named Little Allen's Law went into effect. This law provides for a consistent application of DWI laws regardless if you are operating a highway licensed vehicle, motorboat, ATV, or snowmobile. All riders have a zero tolerance for people who endanger themselves and others while driving an ATV. We encourage all riders to ride responsibly and enjoy their beverages when their trail riding is done.

It is required for all individuals to complete an ATV Safety Certificate if they are 12 years of age and were born after July 1st, 1987. If you look at ATV Safety statistics, and cause of death summaries, we have an issue with accidents and deaths with children under the age of 12, and adults with alcohol in their system. Lets all do our part to get safety training for all ages, and eliminate alcohol while riding.

Perry May, President, Over the Hills Gang ATV Club
ATVAM 2nd Vice-President



Ladies Ride 2018



Great weather, good food, and fun times were all enjoyed on this years Ladies Ride held on September 8th. There were 43 Ladies and 29 machines on the ride. Thank You, to ride leader Mary Weihrauch, for another successful event that gets larger each year, and for the Taco Bar, compliments of the the OTHG Club, and served by Clearwater Lodge

Explore MN Ride 2018 at Round River ATV Trail was held on September 15th. A group of 13 machines and 19 riders met north of Akeley, MN for this years Explore MN Ride. Ben Allen guided the group down 44 miles of winding and hilly trails along with connecting forest roads. This trail system is roughly 1:15 hours from Outing and provides the rider with over 100 miles of trails to ride. All riders met at the Stompin Grounds for a meal and story telling after the ride. Good Riding!

AUTUMN LOG-N-RIDE

OCTOBER 6, 2018

The first annual Autumn Log-N-Ride will be held at the Log Cabin Bar, Emily MN. on October 6th, 2018. Rides will start after the October Club meeting which is being held at the Log Cabin Bar. The meeting should be over at approximately 11:00 am. Come and join us at the meeting at 10:00, we would love to have you.

Specially crafted Emily Meats brats and smoked pulled Pork sandwiches will be available all day with a huge meat raffle at 5.00 pm. See event flyer on www.overthehillsgang.org

Riders will leave from the Log, and can either join a guided group or ride on their own. The trails are in great shape and the fall colors should be in full swing

City of Emily ATV Route

With the completion of the MN Highway 6 improvement process, there is a need to inform ATV riders how to ride through town, while still being able to access local businesses. Club President, Perry May, and Treasurer, Jim Remington, recently met with Emily Mayor Buddy Lund and Councilman Gary Hanson to discuss a planned ATV Route through the City of Emily. In 2016 and 2017 the Club began working with the City to prepare for a trail route that would lead the rider off the new sidewalks and off the road shoulder. One of the planned changes was constructing a road connection (Bloomquist) that comes off South Bay Drive. Club member Meri Lysne, worked with the City to purchase a piece of property, and tear down existing structures. The Club, using Grant-In-Aid funds helped construct the road connection. There is now a need for both directional and informational signs to guide the rider. New directional signs and informational city maps are in development, and plans are to be ready in October. The SnowBirds Snowmobile Club is also working with the City on a planned route. The route may utilize the same route as ATV's, however, there will be a few changes.

Emily Proposed ATV Route

Coming from the south by City Hall, ATV's will travel on the trail on the ditch along the west side of the sidewalk down to 3rd street where they will make a direct perpendicular crossing across MN Hwy 6. Once across the road they will drive down to Lake Street, and turn north all the way the County Rd. 1. The rider will then cross Cty. Rd 1, and jog slightly east to the west ditch along Bloomquist Drive. The rider will travel north and follow Bloomquist where it turns to the west and intersects with South Bay Drive.(Sweets and Such) The rider will turn north onto to South Bay Drive travelling on the pavement, and then enter onto the ditch trail.

Some Do's and Don'ts:

- **You cannot drive an ATV on any City Sidewalks**
- **You cannot ride on MN Hwy 6 road shoulders or road bed**
- **You can make a direct perpendicular crossing of MN Highway 6**

- You can ride an ATV on Crow Wing Cty Rd 1 - Far right side of road surface
- You can Ride an ATV on designated City of Emily streets
- Mind your Speed, and Ride with Lights On

Trail Update:

Ben Allen coordinated club volunteers on September 11, 12 & 13 to repair sections of trail on the B trail, north of Mill Road, and NE by Reservoir Lake, the Mn Hwy 6 ditch, and the A trail just north of Sunset Hill Connector. Club members Perry May, David Thompson, and Terry Sewill came out with their personal equipment to haul fill into remote areas of our trail systems. We continue to get many comments from club members and out-of town riders that tell us our trails are great, they are too smooth, they are too rocky, they are too wet, and there is not enough rocks in the rock crawl. We Agree!. We have a wide variety of ATV riders that use our trails, all with different riding abilities and all looking for a different riding experience. As a club, we are only as good as the members who participate in trail work, trail design, and the funds we can spend on the trails. We encourage all ideas to improve and enhance our trails, trail amenities, and coming to a club meeting is a great place to start. For future trail projects we are working with the City of Emily to direct ATV riders through town. We are working with the MN DNR to determine next steps along Reservoir Lake where the lake level has covered a 100 foot section of trail by 30 inches. We are working with MN DOT to plan road ditch improvements, while moving some sections farther away from the inward ditch slope and out of the ditch bottom. We are connecting with residents along MN Hwy 6 to slow ATV's when crossing road approaches. We are working with Crow Wing, Cass, and Aitkin Counties on future trail connections. Lots to do!. This is just a short list of trail topics with many areas where members can get involved.

Upcoming Events

- September 21-23 - ATVAM Fall Ride & Rally - Willow River, MN Host club is White Pine Riders, more information at www.atvam.org
- October 6 - Club Meeting, **at the Log Cabin Bar**, starting at 10am
- October 6 - Autumn Log-N-Ride, Log Cabin Bar. Emily. MN. Flyer on website and FB page
- October 26 - End of Season Trail Audit (Date is Tentative) Meet at Grannys at 8am.
- *** If any club members want to ride mid-week, let us know. The informal get-together rides are the best***

Proud to be an ATVAM Club

The Over the Hills Gang ATV Club is a proud member of The All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota, "Your Voice for ATV Recreation in Minnesota". Keep current with all of the MN ATV news happening across Minnesota and how ATVAM is working for you. Join today at www.atvam.org



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