



Fun with Outback Riders ATV Club

The OTHG hosted the Outback Riders ATV Club from the Cannon Falls, MN area. The ride left from the All-Pine Inn after the August club meeting riding the Emily Outing and Moose River ATV Trails. Thank You All-Pine Inn for hosting our August club meeting

A quick break overlooking Reservoir Lake



Mississippi Northwoods

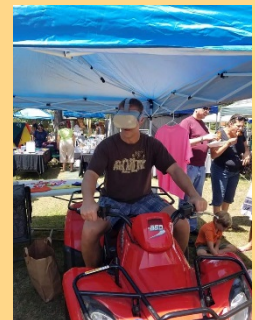
When you can, some of the best ATV rides are during the mid-week. Club member Jack Halvorson, and I did just that and checked out the Mississippi Northwoods ATV trail just east of Ironton, MN, approx. 30-miles from Outing and sandwiched between MN Hwy 210 to the south and the Mississippi River to the north. The 11.5 mile trail sits on Crow Wing County managed land that was purchased with funds from the Outdoor Heritage Fund and maintained by the Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club using GIA funds. The trail is correctly named, as it provides the rider with an all-natural surface trail that twists and turns through a mixture of hardwoods and pines, and then along the bluff of the Mississippi River. Many trail loops are maintained at eight-foot-wide minimum GIA widths for Class I and II ATV's, with one loop designated

for Class I only, providing for the in-close riding experience. This is an easy riding trail with gentle slopes and gradual turns. The parking area is large, with an informational kiosk and porta-potty on site. Adjacent to the ATV riding areas, and with some trail segments on the eastern part of the trail crossing OHM trail segments, is the Miller Hills OHM Riding area. This is an excellent ATV trail for a rider looking to ride for 2-3 hours and enjoy scenery and serenity along undeveloped portions of the Mississippi River. I have pinned this trail for another riding opportunity later this year to witness the fall-color transformation. Thank you to the Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club for all their efforts getting this trail into GIA and continued maintenance.

Emily Day , Lions Corn Feed & MN State Fair

Club members staffed a booth at both Emily Day on July 21st, Lions Corn Feed on August 17th, and helped the MN DNR with the ATV Display at the MN State Fair. Members answered questions regarding ATV Recreation, Youth ATV Safety Training handed out trail maps, sold club clothing, signed up a few new members, and tested out the new ATVAM Virtual Reality Trail Ride. Thank you to all the volunteers who staffed the OTHG Booth and helped out the Lions and MN DNR.

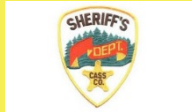
Big Kid Rod Wegner testing out the Virtual Reality Ride





August Elections Results - Congratulations to Jim Remington who was re-elected as Club Treasurer / Membership Director, Lynn Remington, re-elected as Vice President, and David Thompson, elected as a new Trail Coordinator. These positions serve a two-year term from August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2021. They are engaged with the day to day club management, trail maintenance & improvements, while promoting the club and serving the interests of club members. Thank you to all who volunteer to serve on the board.

Club Member, **Mary Weihrauch**, passed away on August 19, 2019. It was only two short years ago where we celebrated Mary's marriage to Steve Parker. Mary was an active member in our club, a Certified Youth ATV Instructor, a Club Ride Leader, and as a local business manager - a promoter of safe recreational ATV riding. On September 7, 2019, Mary was to lead the Over the Hills Gang ATV Club "Ladies Only Ride" on the Emily Outing ATV Trails. This has been a very popular annual club ride, which included a lunch stop at a local business. Mary would be proud, if someone from the Women Members of our club would step up and lead the ride this year. We can share with you some of the ride details Mary was putting together for the 2019 ride, or feel free to make your own ride itinerary. If interested, please send a note to the OTHG Club at overthehillsgang@gmail.com or by contacting Club President Perry May at 612-919-5806. **Rest in Peace Mary**



Cass County Sheriff SEARCH AND RESCUE

If you are interested in being part of the Cass County Sheriff's ATV Search and Rescue team in conjunction with the Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club in Hackensack, please contact Jim Remington at overthehillsgang@gmail.com, he will send you the application form and

schedule for next classes.

The Sheriff's department will conduct training in basic first aid, trail and GPS Navigation and search procedures. Primary duties will be locating lost people, and assisting with people disabled on the trail that due to age, weather, or medical conditions need assistance.



Puncheon Bridges

The new 16-mile Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail will have close to 2000' of Puncheon bridge constructed in 12' sections. Puncheon bridges were originally developed by the US Forest Service as a flotation type boardwalk over areas that are periodically wet. They are supported by treated timbers that spread the weight over soft surfaces, and will float if the area becomes wet. The bridge sections have a safe design load of 9000 lbs. Native vegetation will grow through deck boards helping to anchor a puncheon into place. Puncheon bridges have proven themselves on many Aitkin County ATV Trails, such as by the Hill City Connector Trail by

Haypoint, MN. We will be scheduling several "Puncheon Building" days in a dry and protected location. We are in the process locating and renting a suitable Pole Building where we can pre-build puncheon sections. The sections will then be transported and set on the timbers, anchoring it all together out in the field. Best time to bring sections out to the field is during Winter months -No Mud / No Mosquitoes

Membership Renewals

If you have not already done so, Membership for fiscal year 2020 (8/1 to 7/31) are due Aug 1. You can renew on the website, www.overthehillsgang.org via paypal or by sending a check to, Over the Hills Gang, PO. Box 40, Outing MN. 56662 Reminders were sent out Mid August.

Upcoming Events:

September 6 - Northwoods Regional Trail System Fun Ride -10am, McGregor, MN

September 7 - Monthly Club Meeting, 10am, at Log Cabin Bar in Emily

September 7 - Ladies Only Ride (Details are still pending and may be cancelled - Stay tuned on OTHG FaceBook page)

September 14 - Explore MN Ride with Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club. Riding the B&B ATV Trail (Bigfork to Balsam in Itasca County)

September 20-22 -ATVAM Ride & Rally - Crane Lake Mn. See all the details at www.atvam.org

October 5 - 2nd Annual Autumn Log N' Ride, Emily Log Cabin Bar

Trail Updates: On-going maintenance work on the Emily Outing B Trail. Thank You to club members Terry Sewill and Mike Melberg for their skills and time repairing and brushing some sections of the trail. More work planned in September - Stay tuned to OTHG FB page for work dates.

More Highway 6 ditch trail work will take place once Highway Road construction is complete. OTHG Gang hosted four clubs to observe Wacker Neuson Wheeled Dumper demonstration held on July 31st, by club member Tony Miller from Quality Forklift. Perry attended Aitkin County ATV Alliance meeting on 8/22 held in Hill City

Over the Hills Gang & Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club
"Explore Minnesota Ride"

*Little Moose / Balsam to Big Fork Connection / George Washington
State Forest Trails*

- When: September 14, 2019
- Ride starts at 10:00am
- Lunch on trail or at local trailside restaurant
- Where to Meet:
 - Trail Parking area, 18.5 miles north of Nashwauk on MN Hwy 65, 85 miles from Outing, MN, or 115 miles from Ironton
 - or*
 - Leave with group from Outing Parking area, (1/4 mile east of MN Hwy 6 and Cty 58) intersection at 8:00am, Drive /Trailer to Trail Parking area
 - or*
 - Leave with group from Ironton Legion Post at 7:15am, Meet with Outing group at 8:00am, Drive/Trailer to Trail Parking area
- Contact Ben Allen at 218-821-9729 for more information or Ken Irish at 651-470-2601
- *We had a great time riding the Round River Trails in 2018; come join us as we explore another great ATV Trail in Minnesota*



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