



## ATV Safety Day 2020 - Success!

Our goal was to make a positive impact regarding ATV Safety and how to Recreate Responsibly in the Emily /Outing area, and on the local trails. As a club we are observing many riders living in, and coming to the area that don't know Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations, and common trail etiquette.

Education is the Key - As a club we set up a information booth in downtown Outing, and two smaller sites on Sunset Hill and Morrison Lake Road complete with OHV Regulation books, Top Ten Riding Tips, and a rider survey to measure rider safety knowledge. We had four sets of MN DNR Trail Ambassadors rotate on the ATV trails and at the three information sites. We invited Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch, his Deputies, and local MN DNR Conservation Officers Calie Kunst, and Chelsey Best to join us at the Outing location. Sheriff Burch allowed us to use the Cass County Military style RZR for the day which helped grab the attention of riders.



Results - We counted over 200 ATV's passing through Outing on July 4th between 9 am and 4 pm

We made over 150 verbal contacts, and handed out information to 100 people  
We had good informative discussions with 12 local property owners along township roads  
We assisted on pulling out a Class II ATV which was stuck in the mud off-trail  
We handed out 30 ice-cream certificates for people taking the survey  
We observed five riders under 18 with no helmets  
50% of all riders did not have lights on  
Many of the under age 33 riders did not have an ATV Safety Certificate  
Witnessed approximately 20 riders riding on MN Highway 6 (which is illegal)

Bottom line is that we confirmed new riders are outpacing Education

Thank you to all of the Club Members and Enforcement Officers that came out to help on a



busy July 4th Holiday. Your efforts made a difference!

## Emily Outing Moose River ATV Trails -Top Ten Riding Tips

1. Make sure your ATV is registered, current with year, and displayed properly
2. Class I and II ATV's are allowed on ATV trails (Under 65" in width, and under 2000 lb. dry weight)
3. Do not ride your ATV on the road surface or on shoulder on MN State Highway 6 -(Illegal)
4. Do not ride your Class II ATV in Cass County or State Highway ditch (except between Emily and Outing in GIA designated Trail ditch) – Needs to be on far-right hand side of road surface of a County Road – State Highway riding is illegal
5. Do not ride your Class I on any Cass County Road surface. Needs to be ridden in ditch or on far-right hand of shoulder to avoid sensitive ditch areas. (Class I ATV use on far-right hand of road surface is allowed by ordinance from MN Highway 6 ditch trail to Sunset Hill Road only)
6. In Crow Wing County, both Class I and II are allowed on County Roads riding on far-right hand of road. Follow the ATV maximum speed limit signs posted for each road. Use on state highway is Illegal.
7. **Ride 20 MPH or less on all township roads.** The local road authority will close these roads to ATV travel as a trail connection if speed limits are not followed
8. Wear a helmet, if you are under 18 years of age or younger it is required by law
9. Ride with your lights on if your machine is equipped with headlights and taillight – It is required by Law
10. Do not ride off-trail or create your own technical feature on the trails. These trails are maintained by volunteers and follow Grant-In-Aid trail requirements to keep open

“Ride as if everyone is watching - Speak as if everyone is listening- Post as if everyone is reading”

Safe Riding - Join a Club- Join ATV Association of Minnesota (ATVAM)

Prepared by Over the Hills Gang ATV Club

## August 1st is our Annual Club General Membership Meeting and Elections.

Nominations are open for **Secretary, two Trail Coordinators, and Club President**. You need to be a member in good standing to vote, or to be nominated for a Club Board position. Please consider lending your time and talents for a two-year term in one of these positions. Yes, you can nominate yourself for one of these positions. Nominations can be sent to Jim Remington at [jrems53@gmail.com](mailto:jrems53@gmail.com).

## Graphghan Blanket up for Raffle

Meri Lysne, former President of the OTHG ATV Club, has hand crocheted a OTHG ATV Club graphed image afghan blanket, 74" wide by 92" tall, which she is raffling off with proceeds going to the club. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each, and will be sold up to 7 pm on October 3rd, 2020 at the time of the raffle. Tickets are available at Meri's Outing Yarn Shop in downtown Outing.

In a year where fundraising for our trails is down, please take a chance at this wonderful afghan blanket. Thank You Meri!





## Mid-Week ATV Ride

Three members of the OTHG ATV Club got together for a mid-week ride on the Goodland and Alborn-Pengilly ATV Trails about 65 miles northeast of Outing. The group put on just over 100 miles, met some Club members from the Red Rock Riders ATV Club, and took in some of the scenery over the St. Louis River Trestle Bridge. Don't wait for the weekend if you can ride mid-week. Just like the lakes, the trails are empty during mid-week

The Emily Log Cabin Bar and The Over the Hills Gang ATV Club invite you to:

### AUTUMN LOG-N-RIDE

When: October 3, 2020  
Where: Log Cabin Bar, Emily MN

Time: 10am to 5pm

- Included ATV Rental (including the Truck Full Colors)
- Food Truck serving BBQ entrees
- Park & Ride (ATV's provided from 10am to 2000) (parking at 10am)
- Tractor pulling available at Emily (Sharing ATV Trail leading Area road to houses & back and an area and available at City Park)

Facebook icon: Post your ATV Ride Photos and Full Color's on the Log Cabin Bar or Over the Hills Gang ATV Club Facebook Page. Additional event details on [www.OvertheHillsGang.com](http://www.OvertheHillsGang.com)

## Autumn Log N' Ride

Planning continues for the Autumn Log N' Ride to be held Saturday October 3rd, 2020 at Log Cabin Bar Emily. This event is being expanded to include guided ATV Rides, Food Truck BBQ Entree's, and the Pork N Ride raffle, originally scheduled for June 6th.. This event is replacing our Pork N Ride that was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will be including CDC guidelines at the event to help reduce the spread of the virus. More details will be shared in the coming months.

## Raffle Tickets & Renewals

Raffle tickets and Membership renewal information was sent out early July to all members. If you haven't replied, please do so shortly. You should have received a stamped self addressed envelope for the returns The Raffle and Memberships are our largest fundraising event. This money is used as our portion of the funding of Grant in Aid (GIA) for trail construction and trail maintenance

## ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

Additional packets of tickets are available and we would love your help in selling them. Simply send me an email at [overthehillsgang@gmail.com](mailto:overthehillsgang@gmail.com) or call 612 750 8040. We will send out the packets with pre-addressed return envelope for the raffle stubs and remittance. Additional tickets can also be purchased at the Outing Yarn Shop, Outing, MN or at the Log Cabin Bar, Emily, MN.

### Upcoming 2020 Events:

**August 1 - Club meeting beginning at 10 am, outside, at Log Cabin Bar Emily**

**August 29 - Explore MN Ride (Swatera - Hill City - UPM Blandin)**

**September 5 - Club Meeting beginning at 10 am, outside at Log Cabin Bar Emily**

**September 12 - Ladies Only Ride (contact Kim Dylla @651-206-8726 or [dk.dylla@gmail.com](mailto:dk.dylla@gmail.com))**

**September 18-20- ATVAM Fall Ride & Rally, Ely, MN See [www.atvam.org](http://www.atvam.org) for more info**

**October 3 - Autumn Log N Ride, Begins at 10 am at Log Cabin Bar, Emily MN**

### Trail Updates:

We have restarted our work on the Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail with finishing work on the boardwalk south of Emily along MN Hwy 6. We will continue to post volunteer work dates on our Facebook page as we begin to progress east completing this trail. Lots more to do - We are projecting a September 2021 trail opening

Recent rains in the area have compromised a few areas, along the Emily Outing Trail. As you are out riding, please feel free to send us a note at [overthehillsgang@gmail.com](mailto:overthehillsgang@gmail.com) on areas that need attention before they become impassable. We will be making a new short trail change behind Morrison Lake Road to eliminate a sharp turn safety hazard near the entrance of a private property owner. We have also

started some beginning communications with the DNR and Cass County on looking at alternatives to remove the trail off Sunset Hill Road. There are new 20 MPH ATV Alert signs that have been installed on Sunset Hill Road through the work of the club working with Crooked Lake Township.

**Youth ATV Safety Class Cancelled** : originally postponed from May 23, 2020 the class is now cancelled for 2020. The MN DNR has allowed for the resumption of Youth ATV Safety Training Classes along with implemented COVID-19 prevention procedures beginning July 27, 2020. Due to various complications, the Over the Hills Gang ATV Club will not be rescheduling an ATV Safety Training Class for 2020. We hope to provide two classes in the spring of 2021 dependent upon the relaxing of COVID-19 procedures. ATV Clubs that are holding classes can be found on the MN DNR website.

## OTHG Apparel on Website

You can now order OTHG Labeled Apparel on the website. Sizes available are listed and there are many limited editions at huge discounts. We will be adding more apparel and options for apparel as needed. Payment is easy with Paypal account or using credit/debit card with the security of Paypal.

[www.overthehillsgang.org/membership/#merchandise](http://www.overthehillsgang.org/membership/#merchandise)



¾ zip fleece sweatshirt - Grey

## Your OTHG Club Officers

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## 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](http://www.atvam.org)

