



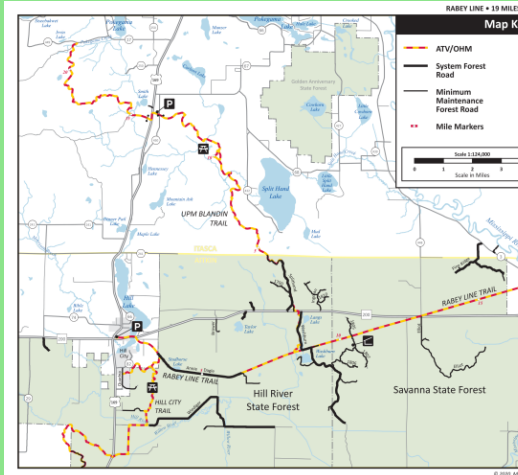
Welcome New OTHG Officers

The Annual Meeting of the Over The Hills Gang ATV Club was held on Saturday Aug.1st at The Log Cabin Bar, Emily, MN. In accordance to our Club By-Laws it was election time for the positions of Secretary, two Trail Coordinator positions, and the Club President. Please welcome our newest Officers. **Laurie Elsberry**, elected to Club Secretary, and **Mike Melberg**, elected to Trail Coordinator. Both Laurie and Mike have been active in club rides, helping on trail projects, and attending meetings. Officers re-elected are **Rod Wegner** as Trail Coordinator & Social Media, and **Perry May**, re-elected to Club President. Laurie, Mike, Rod and Perry will be serving two-year terms and join current Club Officers, **Jim Remington**, Treasurer /Membership, **Lynn Remington**, 1st Vice President, and **David Thompson**, Trail Coordinator. We have a very talented group of Club Officers and look forward to their leadership. We also want to acknowledge the work and talents of Linda Thurk, retiring Secretary, and Dave Kodada, retiring Trail Coordinator, who did not want to be considered for re-election. Their contributions and insights have helped improve our club in many ways, and hope they stay as active members.

Thank you all for volunteering your time and energy to lead our ATV Club



Ride, Ride, and more Rides



Exploring MN Ride August 29th, 2020 with Cuyuna Iron Range Riders

Our out-of-town ride this year is only a short distance down the road starting in Swatera MN. The ride leaves at 10 am from the Swatera / North Soo Line Trail Parking area, then heading NE on the Hill City Connector in Aitkin County, then connecting to the Rabey and UPM Blandin ATV Trail in Itasca County. We plan to have lunch out on the trail, with sandwiches /chips /soda provided by the OTHG ATV Club. We plan to be back at Swatera by 4 pm. If you are unfamiliar with getting to Swatera, please meet at the Outing ATV Parking area at 9 am to trailer out as a group To guarantee a lunch, Please RSVP to our club email address at: overthehillsgang@gmail.com or to our Facebook Event page.



Ladies Only Ride September 12, 2020

Plans are taking shape for this years Ladies Only Ride led by Kim Dylla, Beth Johnson and Denise Gorsuch.. A breakfast special, beginning at 8:30 am, is being planned for early arriving riders at our newest business member, the Channel Bar & Grill, Outing MN. This will also be the meeting place for the start of the ride. We ask all riders to **not** park at the Channel Bar & Grill, but ride from designated parking areas around Outing. The ride leaves at 10 am back at 4 pm, with a sandwich /chip /water lunch planned for out on the trail courtesy of the OTHG ATV Club. For lunch planning purposes and information about the ride please RSVP to Kim Dylla at dk.dylla@gmail.com or 651-206-8726

Sorry Guys - No Men Allowed - These Ladies are Emily-Outing ATV Trail tested

Ely, MN 2020, September 18-20

The All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota is holding its annual Fall Ride & Rally in beautiful Ely, MN. The event is being scaled back this year to comply with CDC guidelines and the MN Governor Executive Orders regarding COVID-19, however, a 12-pack of guided rides on some of the newest ATV Trails in Minnesota is ready to go. The Prospector Loop ATV Trail has been in the works since 2013, with various segments being opened up as they get completed. When fully complete, this 200 mile plus trail system that will connect the communities of Ely, Babbitt, Embarass, Tower, and the North Shore. The host Prospector ATV Club will also serve as host in 2021 to this great event. Come ride with other members of the OTHG ATV Club. Event information and ride registration can

be found at www.atvam.org. OTHG members are planning to meet at Benchwarmer Grille in Tower MN at 6:30 pm on the evening of Friday September 18, 2020.



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.

Does the Emily Outing ATV Trails allow Side by Sides?

Our club officers receive many weekly calls via email, phone, or Facebook on where people can camp, eat, ride, events, or trail conditions. One of the more interesting questions was a caller asking if we allow side by sides on our trails. I answered this by saying "Yes, our trails are open to all Class 1 and 2 ATV's". The caller responded by saying, but "I don't have an ATV, I have a side by side" . Later in that same day I read a post on a popular Facebook page asking the question "My husband and I are getting ready to sell our ATV's and are moving on to a side by side - What are your recommendations to buy"

Mn Statute 84.92 subd.8. In Minnesota the current definition of an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) have at least three, but no more than six, low-pressure or non-pneumatic tires (not filled with or containing compressed air) with a total dry weight less than 2,000 pounds, and a total width from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim that is 65 inches or less.

Minnesota has two classes of ATV's, a Class 1 which is 50" or less in width, or a class 2 that is 65" or less in width. **A side by side is a style of an ATV** that allows for side by side seating. To answer the callers question; If you have an **ATV** that allows for side by side seating, and you are 65 inches or less, and have a dry weight of 2000 pounds or less, then you have an **ATV**, and the Emily Outing and Moose River ATV Trails are open to your riding pleasure. As an owner of an **ATV** side by side, you also can be a member of an **ATV** Club, an **ATV** Facebook page, and a member of the **ATV** Association of Minnesota (**ATVAM**) Yes, Minnesota has too many acronyms, so, just maybe a simple picture would help when out riding the trails.

OTHG ATV Club President, Perry May



Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail enters Year 2 of construction

August 1st, marks the start of the second year of trail construction connecting the Emily Outing ATV Trail to the Blind Lake Connector ATV Trail. Our club first joined onto the project in 2013 with our Grant-In-Aid sponsor Crow Wing County. Final land manager and regulatory approvals with permits allowed us to begin construction in August 2019.

In brief summary we have expenses to date of \$101,727.16 with matching Income to date of \$101,727.16 Income includes (MN GIA = \$37,000 + IRRRB Grant \$25,000 + Yamaha Outdoor Initiative Grant \$15,000, + OTHG Club Funds \$24,727.16) Final estimate of completion is projected to be around \$190,000.

Key Accomplishments are:

- Paid Wetland Credits
- Paid Engineering for Storm Water Protection Plan Permit (WSN)
- Received Crow Wing County Trail Construction Approval
- Received approval from MNDOT Trail permit
- Completed Trail Alignment through City of Emily
- Placed City of Emily trail signs and spread crushed asphalt from Bloomquist to City Hall
- Completed Gravel Ramp at Dahler Avenue
- Brushed Trail out from Dahler Avenue to Hwy 6 Boardwalk and new trail sections to Cty Rd 106.
- Constructed and placed 1000 feet of boardwalk, with gravel ramps and two turnouts
- Constructed and placed 29-foot removable bridge section across snowmobile trail
- Constructed and installed 200-foot elevated bridge across cattail swamp
- Obtained MNDOT road approach permit, constructed road approach at Dam Road

Our work continues on finishing up needed culverts, trail hardening, and signage to Crow Wing County Road 106 which is approximately 6 miles east of Emily.

Our winter 2020/2021 plans call for building and installing another 1000 feet of boardwalk and connecting to the Blind Lake Connector ATV Trail in Aitkin County

We will be posting all of our Volunteer work dates on our OTHG Facebook page.

Tentative planned trail opening is September 2021



Upcoming 2020 Rides / Events:

August 29 - Explore MN Ride (Swatera - Hill City - Rabey - 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)
September 18-20- ATVAM Fall Ride & Rally, Ely, MN See www.atvam.org for more info
October 3 - Autumn Log N Ride, Begins at 10 am at Log Cabin Bar, Emily MN

Notes:

Thank you to Outing Chamber of Commerce for paying for the dust mitigation efforts on Sunset Hill Road
Small Trail re-route behind Morrison Lake is complete - Follow Trail Signs
Thank You to OTHG volunteers who helped at OTHG Tent during Pickled Loon Corn Fest on Saturday 8/15/2020
Thank you to the many donations coming in to help fund the new construction and maintenance of our trails

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 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.

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

