



### ATV Trails Close at midnight October 31st.

Yes, it is that time of year where we close our Grant-in-Aid ATV trails from the period of November 1st to May 15th. Our GIA contract with the State of MN requires us to close, however, we also close for Big Game Season that runs from Nov. 6, 2021 through Nov. 21, 2021 and to allow our snowmobile friends to begin preparing trails for their trail opener on December 1st, 2021. Many sections of our ATV trails share use with the snowmobile GIA trails and we have an obligation to repair rutted or bermed trail sections. We will be taking down all temporary trail route signs, along with removing our portable

bridge that crosses the snowmobile trail on the boardwalk south of Emily. The three loops of the Moose River Trails will re-open after Big Game Season and close again during the spring thaw until May 15th. The Moose River Trails do not conflict with any groomed snowmobile trails, however, access into the trail is only through the Ben Draper Parking area located on the northwest corner of the trail system. It was a fun season, very dry and dusty in the early months and a little on the wet side on the later months.



### Log N' Ride 2021

Raingear was a must - Damp and cool conditions greeted over a hundred riders that took to the trails to splash through some puddles and enjoy what fall has to offer on Saturday October 2, 2021 for our annual Log N' Ride. The Lions club served 95 Pork on a Stick meals for riders that stopped at the Log Cabin Bar in Emily. A group of 25 riders came from McGregor to ride the new trail and to visit the Log. Jim Remington led a group of club volunteers that sold club clothing and new club memberships. Thank you to our Log Cabin hosts Fran and Dan Barrett.

Photo courtesy of Blake Bogdanovich. Left to right, Ted Travica, Perry May, and Don Bogdanovich. Ted and Don are each 85-years young, have been friends for 70-years and rode 90 miles during the day.

## The Buzz Is On For The 2022 Ride & Rally



same site as next year's Ride & Rally.

Over 350 riders attended the ATV Minnesota State Convention last month in Ely. Now, the City of Fifty Lakes tells us there is already plenty of buzz surrounding next year's "Ride & Rally". Local businesses are showing interest in being part of the event, scheduled for September 16-18, 2022.

To kick things off, the Over The Hills Gang, the host ATV club, had a special banner made (above), and displayed it in their booth at the city's Booyah and Brisket Feed two weeks ago, at the

The area has hundreds of miles of designated, signed Grant-in-Aid ATV trails, along with hundreds of miles of legal routes open to motorized use, linking Fifty Lakes to the communities of Crosslake, Emily, Outing, Remer and beyond.

Being in lake country, the Fifty Lakes area also offers those attending the convention many options for lodging, resorts and camping, plus unique restaurants and shops, breweries, and fun fall attractions.

Over The Hills Gang is based in Emily, a few miles to the east and a popular trail town. It has over 500 club members, including 50 business members. It built and manages the Emily Outing Trail and the new Emily Blind Lake Trail. Together with the City of Fifty Lakes, the club hopes to attract 500 riders to the 3-day event, providing great trail rides, , and a strong economic boost to area businesses next fall before winter sets in.

A team of city, club and ATV MN leaders is now meeting to organize the event, and will be inviting surrounding cities, sponsors, and local businesses to be involved. ATV Minnesota has sent press releases to area newspapers and radio stations. More details will appear soon in this newsletter, Minnesota Wheelin magazine, local newspapers, on the club website ([overthehillsgang.org](http://overthehillsgang.org)), ATV Minnesota website ([atvam.org](http://atvam.org)), and the Facebook pages of ATV MN and the City of Fifty Lakes. *Photo, left to right: Fifty Lakes Mayor Steve Dahlke, Council Member Toni Buchite, Club President Perry May, Deputy Clerk Ann Raph*

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## Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Business After Hours Event

On Thursday October 21st, the Over the Hills Gang ATV Club and the Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club together with the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber hosted a "Business After Hours" meeting held at the Ironton American Legion Post #443. Over 50 people attended the event to listen about our clubs, how we help drive new economic revenue to the area, developing and maintaining ATV Trails to meet this fast expanding outdoor recreation sport. MN State Senator Carrie Ruud, District 10, pictured with OTHG President Perry May, and CIRR President Ken Irish, displaying the 2022 ATV MN State Convention Banner

### Trails Update:

- Our new Emily Blind Lake trail has seen a lot of ATV Traffic. Our selfie station has captured some of the riders. No repairs are scheduled at this time, however, in the spring we will be making a few changes and repairs to the areas that are not holding up to the ATV traffic
- Emily /Outing Trail - Mike Meelberg and Terry Sewill have been putting in many hours on sections of the "B" trail. They are ditching the sides of the trail and bringing the gravel to the top of the trail, making the trail more sustainable during heavy rains. We will be repairing and crowning some trail areas where our trail was "flat-bladed" to provide a flat surface for the Enbridge wooden mats. We met with MNDOT to discuss needed repairs to the MN Hwy 6 ditch trail section. Work just began on some ditch sections before the rain halted new repairs. Crooked Lake Township took a board motion on 10/14 to ask our Club and Cass County to look at potential alternative routes to alleviate ATV traffic on Sunset Hill road. We will be working with the township and county to explore options. The process to reroute a Grant-In-Aid trail is complex and requires many land manager meetings over many months. We are only exploring alternatives that we can present to the CLT Board. Dust Control for 2022 season is already a topic of conversation with the local townships. Our club will continue to ask for funding support in our Grant-In-Aid applications that are due to the State by November 30, 2021.

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