



### **Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

Thank you to our club officers, individual and business members, volunteers, trail sponsors, and all who make our club one of the best and most active in Minnesota. All of you create a wonderful gift of time, talent, and friendships packaged together as an ATV Club. We experienced a great 2021 riding season, highlighted by the opening of our new Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail and then honored when asked to host the ATVMN State Convention in Fifty Lakes in September 2022.

Hoping 2022 will again allow us to get together on one of our favorite trails, or, at some of the best area businesses that Minnesota can offer. **Stay Healthy & Ride Safe!**

OTHG ATV Club President - Perry May

## **2022 ATVMN State Convention taking shape**

A Steering Team of 14 people which includes members from ATVMN, City of Fifty Lakes, OTHG Club Officers & Members, have met four times to discuss and plan all of the things that go into holding this event. By visiting [ATVMN.org](http://ATVMN.org) and clicking on the Ride & Rally event tab, you will see some of the latest information about the event. This webpage will be updated continuously as we confirm details. The team will meet regularly, right up to the time of the event being held on the days of September 16-18, 2022 in Fifty Lakes. There will be plenty of opportunity to volunteer for various event tasks. Rod Wegner will be setting up a volunteer sign-up site as soon as we confirm all of our event activities.



## Tentative Event Schedule

### Thursday 9.15.22

- 7pm – Welcome party at Fifty Lakes

### Friday 9.16.22

- 8am – Pancake Breakfast @ Fifty Lakes
- 8-10am Registration /Check-in
- 10am – Presidents (VIP) Ride Begins
- Noon-2pm – Presidents Ride & Lunch
- 4-7pm – Dinner around the Area
- 7 - 8pm – ATVMN General Membership Meeting
- 8pm ATVMN Clubs Short Film
- 9:30pm – Band and Bonfire (GigFoot)

### Saturday 9.17.22

- 8 –10am Registration /Check-In opens at Fifty Lakes
- 8am-11am – Guided ATV Rides (10)
- 11am-6pm – ATV Fair
- 11am-11pm – Food / Beverages / Beer Tent / Music
- 6-7pm- Silent Auction and Raffle Drawing
- 7pm – ATVMN & Sponsors Short Film
- 8 -11pm - Music (Adam Pearce Band)
- 9 pm - Fireworks

### Sunday 9.18.22

- 9am ATVMN Board Meeting at TBD
- 12 Noon Adjourn

## Temporary trail section closure

During a "Special Club Meeting" called on 12/18/2021, a motion was made, and unanimously approved by club members in attendance to close a 2-mile section of the Emily-Outing "A" trail between Mill Road and Papoose Road for the 2022 Riding Season. This section is in the MN Highway 6 Right-of Way and ATV traffic will be routed to the "B" and "AB" trails so riders can continue ride between Emily and Outing and to area businesses. Riders that come from the west along Blue Lake Road can use the Anna Lake trail, south to Anna Drive, to avoid this closed section. Soil erosion, resulting from ATV traffic, is contributing to unwanted sediment being carried into Little Emily Lake affecting lake and aquatic life quality. The Hwy 6 bank leading to the highway shoulder is also eroding leading to the highway asphalt breaking away. Without immediate remedial action, conditions will worsen. Temporarily closing this section will allow time for our club to work with area partners to determine the correct repair action. Our club is working with the Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lake Association, the Pine River Watershed Association, MNDOT, City of Emily, MN DNR, County of Crow Wing and Cass, and adjacent property owners to find short and long-term solutions.

- **Short-Term** - 1) Close and sign the trail accordingly to reroute ATV Traffic. 2) Work with partners to develop a plan to restore affected area to prevent further run-off into Little Emily Lake
- **Long-Term** - Gather and/or develop professional Engineering criteria for the construction of a sustainable, visually pleasing trail in Hwy 6 Right-of-Way corridor and then construct the trail to this criteria

This is a due-diligence approach to balancing the positive economic impacts ATV recreation brings to our communities while also protecting riders, lakes, highway users, and property owners along the trail. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we seek solutions.

## 2022 Event & Ride Schedule

One of the agenda topics for our first club meeting of 2022, held on February 5, 2022 will be to draft a club schedule for 2022. We will also be looking for a Pork N Ride Event Coordinator. After our special club meeting held on December 18, we listened to a presentation by Karla Stiernagle and Christy Holloway asking if our club would like to host a charitable fundraiser ride to benefit Suicide Prevention & Awareness.

- Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States
- Suicide is the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in adolescents 15-19 years of age.
- Men have a much higher rate of suicide (3.7 times) than women.
- Men have a harder time asking for help or talking about their feelings.

The fundraiser would include donations along with participating in a game of skill set-up at stops along a designated trail route. Proceeds would possibly fund a trade scholarship or an Awareness Program in local schools or communities. Club members were supportive of this idea and are looking for a ride date that does not conflict with other ride or community events.



### Local Clubs working Together

A nice article was written by Ryan Huettl of the Emily-Outing Snowbirds regarding a strong working partnership developing with the Over the Hills Gang ATV Club. The article was published in the December 2021 MnUSA Snowmobiling Minnesota Magazine. Over the past year the two clubs have found various ways to partner and improve our local trails that benefit Snowmobile and ATV riders, and the local communities. More to come as this relationship grows stronger.

A big **Thank You** goes out to club members **Ron Cardinal** and **Luke Rozmark**. These guys found us a pile of old skid steer tracks which they cut up into usable lengths which we will place out on the trail in 2022. These rubber track sections have proven to be a good base when placed before and after boardwalks.

### Your OTHG Club Officers

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