



2022 Club Season Begins

ATV Grant-In-Aid Trails in our area open May 15th, however, our first club meeting kicked off on Saturday February 5, 2022 at our home venue, the Log Cabin Bar in Emily. In 2021 we celebrated 20-years as a club, we hosted some great rides, delivered ATV safety training to 45 youth, held our 19th annual Pork N' Ride fundraiser, and we opened the new 16-mile Emily Blind Lake Trail. Total family and individual club membership grew to 300, and our business memberships to 53. This growth was due in-part to the new 67 members (63 Individual / Family & 4 Business) joining the club through the free pizza & membership promotion put on on by the Fifty Lakes Bar & Bottle Shop. Financially, we are entering the 2022 season with a solid balance in our bank account, which is outstanding when considering all of the new trail construction spending we had to do in the last 3-years. Our social media presence has also grown to over 4000 Facebook page followers, and our website averages over 1500 visits each month.

As I look to 2022, I only see us getting stronger as a club. We have learned new trail techniques to make them more sustainable. We are actively engaged in ATV safety education in our communities, and continue to strengthen our partnerships with local enforcement, local government units, and area chambers of commerce. We put on great rides on great trails. On the dates of September 16-18, 2022, our club along with the City of Fifty Lakes will be hosting the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota State Convention called the Ride & Rally. This will bring hundreds of riders from across the state to ride local trails and to experience our great local businesses. I have high-confidence we will put on a good show.

Hope to see you out on the Trails - Ride Safe -Ride Smart

Perry May, President, Over the Hills Gang ATV Club, Outing /Emily /Fifty Lakes

ATV numbers up 273%



In 2019 Aitkin County began placing trail counters on nine different trails to gauge the quantity of ATV traffic on each trail. Total counts in 2019 for the Northwoods Regional ATV Trails were 30,033. Total counts in 2021 were 81,966, up 273% These counts help place a real number to what is being observed on the trails. These ATV counts aid in the maintenance of trails and provide a good sense of the growing economic impact in the area. In 2021, Aitkin county placed 13 counters on various trails, and three of the counters provide a very real number to the impact of the new Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail. The EBL opened on September 15, 2021 and closed on November 1, 2021.

- Blind Lake Connector Numbers = August 604, September 1737, October 3599
- Hill City Connector Numbers = August 1371, September 2126, October 1788
- Soo Line North Swatara Numbers = August 805, September 1187, October 1304

We don't have counters on the Emily-Outing or Moose River Trails, but, in all probability, the numbers increased accordingly as they are all part of the new loop that the EBL Trail created. Social media captured the chatter about riding the new EBL trail, our selfie station captured close to 100 pictures, parking lots were full, and many machines were observed at local businesses.

2022 OTHG Event & Ride Schedule

***** More details for each event or ride can be found on club Facebook page, Website, Flyers, or future newsletters *****

March 5 - Club Meeting 10 am, Emily Log Cabin Bar
March 12 - Getting Loose on the Moose (tentative)
April 2 - Club Meeting 10 am, Emily Log Cabin Bar
April 30 - ATV Safety Training, (AM & PM Sessions) Fifty Lakes MN
May 7 - Club Meeting 10 am, Emily Log Cabin Bar & Adopt a Highway Clean-Up at 11:15 am
June 18 - 20th Annual Pork N' Ride at Emily Log Cabin Bar at 10 am
June 25 - Fifty Lakes Day Booth (11am to 4pm)
July 2 - Club Meeting 10 am, Emily Log Cabin Bar
July 16 - Emily Day Booth (noon to 4pm)
August 6 - Club Meeting & Elections 10 am, Emily Log Cabin Bar
August 13 - Suicide Awareness / Prevention Ride
August 20 - Lions Corn Feed Booth, Pickled Loon, (11am-4pm)
August 27 - Exploring Minnesota Ride - Smokey Hills & Forest Riders Trails, Osage, MN
September 3 - Club Meeting 10 am, Emily Log Cabin Bar
September 10 - Ladies Only Ride
September 16-18 - ATVMN State Convention, Fifty Lakes MN [atvmn.org /2022-ride-rally](https://atvmn.org/2022-ride-rally)
October 1 - Autumn Log N' Ride, Emily Log Cabin Bar 10am
October 29 - End of Season Club Meeting, Fifty Lakes, 10 am, Halloween Ride (tentative)

Printable link: [OTHG Event Schedule 2022](#)

ATV Safety Training on April 30, 2022



We will be holding our annual ATV Safety training on April 30th, 2022 in the City of Fifty Lakes, MN

- AM Session begins at 8:30 am (max 20 students)
- PM Session begins at 12:30 pm (max 20 students)

Pre-Requisites for achieving ATV Safety Certificate:

- Students must be a minimum of 10 years of age to take hands-on training
- Students aged 10-15 must complete MN Online Safety Class at ATVcourse.com (cost \$24.95) before attending hands-on training
- Must be 12 years of age to apply for MN ATV Safety Certificate
- Students Age 16 and older or born after July 1, 1987 must complete On-line Safety Training course to apply for ATV Safety Certificate

Pre-Registration

Contact Cindy Thompson by email at: cindythompson0203@gmail.com or mobile 763-592-9330

(Additional course information will be sent after preregistering)

This is a an early notice to OTHG Club members. Pre-Registration is open now for either the AM or PM training session. We will post a public announcement on the MNDNR website on February 28, 2022.



The ATV Minnesota State Convention Plans are taking shape

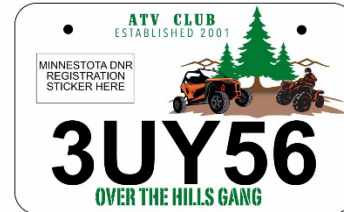
- Registration opens in late February
- Ten different guided rides to choose from
- Food / Music / Bonfires / Fireworks / ATV Fair / Networking / Fun
- Raffle Tickets for sale
- Interested in donating or being an event sponsor? - Contact Perry May at 612-919-5806
- Interested in Volunteering? email:overthehillsgang@gmail.com

Event Webpage can be found at ATVMN Ride & Rally

Get you and your ATV ready for Spring

This is great time of year to begin preparing for the ATV Season which includes you and your machine.

1. Read the latest Minnesota Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations. New laws or changes to the laws go in effect on August 1st. MN DNR OHV Regulations
2. If you or your family members need ATV Training, and depending on your age and requirements, online training can be found at ATVcourse.com (\$24.95). Hands-on classes can be found here: [MN DNR ATV Safety Class Schedule](#)
3. Inspect your personal protective equipment - Need a new helmet, goggles, dust mask, gloves, boots, rain suit - Good time to buy when inventories are full
4. Registration - is your machine registered, and have the current year decal. Maybe your license plate needs replacing - Our club has beautiful license plates for sale
5. Plan your ride - Gather maps or call a local club that maintains the trail. Their trail coordinators can provide some insight on where to go and what to see
6. Prepare for emergencies - Do you carry a First Aid Kit? Tire repair kit or inflator? Flashlight? Food & Water?
7. Do you need new tie down straps for trailering your machine?
8. Stay informed. Join a local club, and join the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota



For your machine there are many fine OTHG power sports business members listed below that will provide a spring check-up and maintenance on your machine. Some of the basics include inspection of tires, belts, fluids, coolant, brakes, battery, lights, throttle, oil & filter, possible rodent damage, air filter, spark plugs, seals, linkages, shocks, overall wear & tear.

Taking care of these things now will help provide you a more enjoyable time on the trails this year

Your OTHG Club Officers

Perry May, President: (term expires July 31, 2022)
Rod Wegner, Vice President: (term expires July 31, 2023)
Laurie Elsberry, Secretary: (term expires July 31, 2022)
Jim Remington, Treasurer / Membership: (term expires July 31, 2023)
Mike Meelberg, Trail Coordinator, (term expires July 31, 2022)
Terry Sewill, Trail Coordinator: (term expires July 31, 2022)
David Thompson, Trail Coordinator: (term expires July 31, 2023)

To contact a Club Officer or General Club Email: overthehillsgang@gmail.com

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