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## Over The Hills Gang has a new Club President!

Over The Hills Gang is excited to introduce you to our NEW CLUB PRESIDENT! Please give a hearty welcome to Steve Beneke!! Saturday, 4/1/2023, at our monthly club meeting, in front a PACKED house at the Log Cabin Bar, Steve accepted our nomination and became a lifetime member of our humble club! Thank you Steve!

#### Steve Beneke

Steve grew up in the west metro but spent most of his weekends and any free time up north. Whether it was on a lake fishing or in the woods hunting or riding ATV's, he always knew this would be his home.





In 2018, timing and his position within the company allowed him to move to Outing, MN on beautiful Lawrence Lake. (His girlfriend Denise, a local from Outing, might've had something to do with that move also!) Since then, he has spent as much time as he can outdoors. Fishing, snowmobiling, hunting, and riding trails in the General are among his favorite things to do!



He recently retired from corporate life after 29 years with the same company. He is now self-employed and enjoying what he loves, being outdoors! Helping others and being involved in the community is a strong trait of Steve's. He's always there to lend a hand to anyone needing help. His hard work ethic, his determination, and a willingness to do what it takes to get a job done makes him a great asset to any team!

## Pork and Ride Raffle Tickets are in the Mail

On Saturday, April 1st, after the regular Monthly meeting, approximately 20 members stayed and stuffed envelopes with the 2023 Club update, raffle tickets and membership decals.

The Pork and Ride Raffle is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year and proceeds are used for Club operations, postage, memberships and most importantly as a supplement to the MN DNR Grantin-Aid Funds which support trail maintenance.



Included in the letter is a remittance form for renewal of your membership. Please make any necessary corrections to your name and/or email address on the form and return it in the prepaid envelope. The letter indicates when your membership expires. Prepayment of annual dues is always appreciated!

If you want to participate in the raffle, complete the small stub end with name/address/phone number and return those with payment in the preaddressed envelope. The raffle ticket money and dues can be paid in one check for convenience. Prizes not picked up after the drawing at the Pork and Ride will be mailed out. In addition to cash prizes, there will be numerous local merchant gift cards and club clothing.

If you would prefer not to participate in the raffle, simply place the tickets back in the pre-addressed envelope and return it to the club. Questions, ? or to order additional tickets contact membership@overthehillsgang.org

The OTHG Club would like to send a big THANK YOU! to Dan and Fran Barrett, owners of the Log Cabin Bar, for allowing us to commandeer their back room and for the pizza they provided afterwards for all the workers!



# Come join us for the Event of the Year!!

21st Annual Pork N Ride!!! Guided Group Rides leaving from many different locations beginning at 10am. Ride the 70 mile "Blind Moose Loop"! BSQ BBQ truck all day long! OTHG merchandise booth all day long! OTHG fund raising raffle at 5pm. Log Cabin Mega Cash Raffle at 6pm. All at our "Home Base", the Log Cabin Bar in Emily!!

Over The Hills Gang members get a head start on Pork N Ride Group Ride Registration!

Members Only Early Group Ride Registration!! Facebook Event Page



# Mark Your Calenders!!

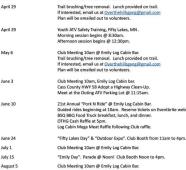


May 6

June 3

July 1

August 12



"Riding with Rory" Suicide Awareness/Prevention Ride (Details TBD)

August 12	8th annual "Exploring MN ATV Trails Ride" with Cuyuna Iron Range Riders. Forest Riders Trail in Hubbard County.
August 19	Lions Corn Feed, Pickled Loon, begins at 11am.
	(Volunteer to help Lions or work OTHG Info Table). Contact: <u>Overthehillsgang@gmail.com</u> .
August 26	"Pizza Party Ride" @ Log Cabin Bar. (Details TBD).
September 2	Club Meeting 10am, @ Emily Log Cabin Bar
September 9	"Ladies Only Ride" – Ride Leaders - Beth Johnson, Kelsey Lambert, & Kim Dyll Reserve tickets on Eventbrite website. Details TBD.
October 7	"Autumn Log N' Ride" @ Log Cabin. Open riding/no guided rides. Club booth 10am to 5pm. Door prizes at 5:00 pm. Log Cabin Meat Raffle at 6pm.
October 28	End of Season Club Meeting & Elections. 10am @ Fifty Lakes, MN
November 25	"Getting Loose on the Moose" (Details TBD)

\*There are no club meetings in November, December, or January

For additional details visit our website at www.overthehillsgang.org , our Facebook page, or send us your email to receive club newsletters.

# Want to be more active in the Club? We have "Work-from-Home" volunteer opportunities!

**Media & Communications** - Keep club website up to date. Post information about club activities on Social Media platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram. Create Club Newsletters or special announcements. Committee shall work under oversight of the President.

Committee members: Need help!

- 1. Steve Beneke
- 2. Kim Dylla
- 3. Rod Wegner

**Marketing** - Create ad campaigns for fund raising events. Chair or designate will be the club contact with Business Sponsors and Chamber. Create and sell club apparel or merchandise. Committee shall work under oversight of the Vice-President.

Committee members: Need help!

1. Rod Wegner

**Events** - Plan calendar and logistics of the annual Club events. Coordinate with Marketing and Media & Communications. Committee shall work under oversight of the Vice-President.

Committee members: Always room for more! We want your ideas!

- 1. Rod Wegner
- 2. Mike Kautz and Kelsey Lambert
- 3. Jim and Brenda Anderson
- 4. Dan and Fran Barrett
- 5. Jim Remington (consult only)

### By-Laws - Update as required

Committee members:

- 1. Perry May
- 2. Tim Sink
- 3. David Thompson
- 4. Kim Dylla

**Nominations** - Manage the collection of nominations for outgoing Club Officers and Directors and recruit members for committees. Committee shall work under oversight of the Secretary.

Committee members:

- 1. Becky Tuckenhagen
- 2. Dan Barrett
- 3. Kim Dylla
- 4. Mike Melberg
- 5. Jim Remington
- 6. Rod Wegner

**Membership** - Process club membership applications and renewals. Process collection of membership dues monthly, deliver dues payment to Treasurer and update membership roster for member status. Work with Marketing and Media & Communication. to recruit new members. Committee shall work under oversight of the Treasurer.

Committee members: Need help!

- 1. Jim Remington
- 2. Carla Korman
- 3. Stacy Barrett (Hart)

**Safety** - Committee duties and members include Club Safety Officer contact with ATV MN, coordinate with Media & Communications to communicate safety info to the community, Planning and Facilitation of Annual ATV Safety Training, Certified MN DNR ATV Safety Instructors, Certified MN DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassadors (TA's), keeping club safety brochure current, ordering current year OHV regulation books for members, coordinating Trail Ambassador grant program with MN DNR, coordinating TA grant reimbursements and expenditures with Treasurer. Committee shall work under oversight of the Grant Manager.

### Committee members:

- 1. All OTHG members who are MNDNR Certified Safety Instructors
- 2. All OTHG members who are MNDNR Volunteer Trail Ambassadors
- 3. ATVMN Safety Representative

**Quarter Master (Club Storage)** - Committee duties include manage club storage locker, organization, yearly cleaning, coordinating rental payments with Treasurer, researching local storage options, keeping an inventory of club assets, including safety training equipment, trail equipment, and assets stored remote of storage locker. Committee shall work under oversight of the Treasurer.

Committee members:

- 1. Jim Remington
- 2. Rod Wegner

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### **OTHG Board of Directors**

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

Mailing address: Over the Hills Gang PO Box 40 Outing, MN. 56662

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