



# OVER THE HILLS GANG

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## What's New! Community News

[Check out our website for more news!](#)

### ATV Trails set to open May 15<sup>th</sup>

We are on target for trail opening on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The winter storms provided some additional work this spring to clear trails of downed trees and repair some trail washouts. Some snow-covered sections of the trail remain into early May. Club Trail Coordinators and 25 club volunteers have contributed 140 hours inspecting the 72 miles of trail, removing downed trees, and working with townships and contractors to repair washouts. The eastern section of the Emily Blind Lake trail, from Crow Wing Cty. Rd 106 east of the Blind Lake Connector Trail will remain closed until sometime after May 24<sup>th</sup>. We need local road restrictions to be lifted, to bring in fill before a large washout can be repaired on the Lenz Road. A temporary reroute using Cty. Rd 106 and Cty. Rd. 1 can be used to access the Blind Lake Connector Trail.

Check the DNR website for trail closures before heading out.

[DNR trail closures](#)

Trail Questions: [trailcoordinators@overthehillsgang.org](mailto:trailcoordinators@overthehillsgang.org)





## Thank You!

To all the club members and volunteers who have come out to help clear our trails so that they can open on time!

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## 2023 Pork N Ride is June 10<sup>th</sup>

Our most popular event of the year is happening soon!

- 9 different Guided Rides starting at 10 am. Register [HERE!](#)
- Big Money Cash Raffle at 5 pm. Buy your tickets now from any Club Member or local Business Sponsor.
- BSQ BBQ truck serving food ALL DAY!

This is the Club's biggest fundraiser of the year. By purchasing raffle tickets and Club merchandise you're helping the Club raise the money they need for trail maintenance and new trail development. THANK YOU!





**PORK-N-RIDE Raffle @ 5pm**

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**Grand Prize \$750 Cash**

- 1 Cash Prize @ \$500
- 2 Cash Prizes @ \$300
- 2 Cash Prizes @ \$150
- 2 Cash Prizes @ \$50

Need not be present to win. Prizes will be mailed



**Join us at the Log Cabin**  
40012 MN-6 Emily, MN 56447



**Raffle Ticket & Clothing Sales Start @ 2pm**

**BSQ BBQ** Award Winning BBQ in Emily!

Breakfast Available 8:00 -10:00am	Serving at the Log all day! Lunch Starts @ 11:30	Smoked Turkey, Pork & More for Dinner
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**\$5 PER RIDER**  
Trail Maintenance Donation Non-Refundable

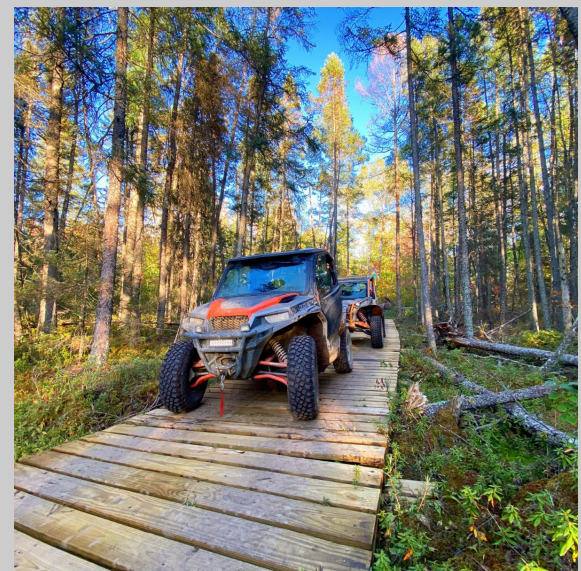
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**BUY YOUR TICKETS AT**

- Outing Chamber Bingo Events
- The Log Cabin Bar
- Diner's Chicken Shack
- Fifty Lakes Bar & Bottle Shop

## Media & Communications



## Marketing

The website has all of the clothing and accessories that you can order and have shipped! In-person sales at the Pork-N-Ride, Emily Days, and the Lions Corn Feed.

[Visit our Shop](#)

[marketing@overthehillsgang.org](mailto:marketing@overthehillsgang.org)

## Events

We have many events already planned and on the calendar. Plan ahead to join us and check back as we continue to add more!

[Check Out Our Events Calendar](#)

[events@overthehillsgang.org](mailto:events@overthehillsgang.org)



## Safety and Trail Updates



### Northwoods ATV Trails

The Voyageur Press located in McGregor, MN worked with the Northwoods ATV Trail Alliance to publish a nice four-page newspaper insert. This small insert provides an overview of the ATV trails which make-up the 340-mile Northwoods ATV Trail System along with some “Know Before You Go” riding tips.

Thank You to Rod Wegner, Kelsey Lampert, Perry May, and Kim Dylla for contributing pictures and articles to help feature our local ATV Trails.

These inserts will be available at all future club events.

### Tree Granny has New Swag

The winter storms of 2022-2023 not only downed trees on our trail but they also resulted in a tear to Tree Granny’s dress. With the help of Kelsey Lampert, Tree



Granny has a brand-new colorful look.

For those who do not know Tree Granny, she is the Moose River ATV Trail Forest Matriarch, watching over the Land O Lake State Forest for??? (She does not like us to discuss her age)

Much like Santa, she sees you when you're riding, she knows when you behave and she knows if you are riding too fast! So slow down and keep yourself safe.



## Winter ATV Riding Committee Established

This is an exploratory committee to determine if the Over The Hills Gang wants to take on the responsibility of being a year round ATV Club by entering the Moose River ATV trails into the GIA program and maintain them in the winter months to a level where they're passable by a stock Class 1 ATV.

Committee members:

1. Tim Sink
2. Rod Wegner
3. Dean Schliek
4. Consulting Member – Mike Meelberg
5. Consulting Member – Perry May

The Committee is working on a proposal to the Club that will outline a short-term plan and a long-term plan for grooming on the Moose River Trails. This proposal will include cost of equipment, volunteer hours needed, other details needed. We hope to have a proposal ready to vote on sometime in June. The deadline to submit any proposal for GIA funds to the DNR for the Winter months is July 31<sup>st</sup>.



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## Membership

Please be sure to return your raffle tickets and membership renewals that you received in the mail in early April.

New members are added to the newsletter mailings and will receive a confirmation letter at the end of the month that they join. Included in the letter is an Over The Hills Gang decal. Trail repair volunteers that are not members are given a complimentary one-year membership. By becoming members they are also covered under the Club's insurance if injured working on the trail.

[Become a Member!](#)

Contact Us:  
[membership@overthehillsgang.org](mailto:membership@overthehillsgang.org)

## Nominations

Manage the collection of nominations for outgoing Club officers and Directors and recruit members for committees. The committee shall work under the oversight of the Secretary.

Committee members:

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

## By-Laws

Update as required

Committee members:

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

## Thank you to our Business Sponsors!!

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## OTHG Board of Directors

Steve Beneke, President: (term expires Oct 31, 2024)  
Rod Wegner, Vice President: (term expires Oct 31, 2023)  
Becky Tuckenhagen, Secretary: (term expires Oct 31, 2024)  
Jim Remington, Treasurer/Membership: (term expires Oct 31, 2023)  
Mike Meelberg, Trail Coordinator #1, (term expires Oct 31, 2024)  
Terry Sewill, Trail Coordinator #2: (term expires Oct 31, 2023)  
David Thompson, Trail Coordinator #3: (term expires Oct 31, 2023)  
Perry May, Grant Manager: (term expires Oct 31, 2024)  
Tim Sink, Director at Large: (term expires Oct 31, 2023)

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