



# OVER THE HILLS GANG

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## What's New! Community News

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



### Sneak Peak: Winter Riding on the Moose River Loops

Ideal Sno Pros are teaming up with the OTHG ATV Club to trial winter riding on the Moose Loops!! Two grooming sessions will be performed and the Clubs will evaluate to decide whether to continue grooming for the entire winter season. Our winter riding committee has been hard at work to get this project off the ground. Watch our Facebook page in the future for more details on the trails themselves (ie. one-way groomed directional loops and a natural loop left to those more adventurous riders!)



## Media & Communications



### Marketing

Clothing and merchandise can be ordered off our website and be shipped to you!

**In-person sales at the Lions Corn Feed August 19th.**

New ideas welcome!! Want to see anything new with clothing or merchandise?? Feel free to send ideas to email below or join our committee.

[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!

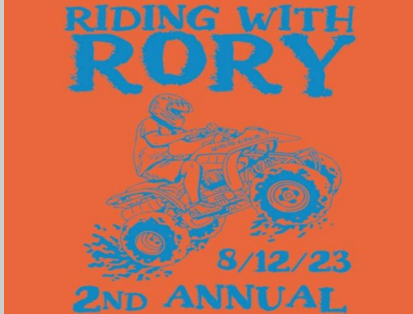
Volunteers are needed and always welcomed!! If interested, let us know through the email below.

[Check Out Our Events Calendar](#)

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

## Riding with Rory

The 2nd Annual Riding with Rory and "Dart To Awareness" fundraiser is all about



bringing awareness to the subject of suicide. We feel this is a topic people would like to ignore or forget in hopes that it will go away. Rory is club member Karla's 17 year old son who was lost to suicide June 24, 2021. In April, 2022 his best friend died the same way. Karla started this ride as a memorial to Rory who loved wheelers and the outdoors.

We want to help the family raise money to be able to give 2 scholarships away; 1 to the Aitkin School and 1 to the Crosby School for a student entering a trade program. The remaining funds will go to the CAPS program in Aitkin. CAPS helps bring suicide awareness to our small communities. We will have various handouts for mental health available. T-shirts will be available to purchase for \$25 with \$10 from each purchase being donated towards the scholarships. The ride starts at 10am at the Log Cabin Bar in Emily, MN and all experience levels of riders are welcome.

There is no cost to ride. Pre-registration is not required but does help with planning. Thank You!

[Sign up here!](#)

## Exploring MN ATV Trails Ride

Over the Hills Gang & Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club  
"Exploring Minnesota Ride 2023"  
*Forest Rider Trails (Two Inlets State Forest)*

- When: August 19, 2023
- Ride starts at 10:30am
- Picnic style Lunch on the Trail /Bring your own beverages
- Where to Meet:
  - Trail Parking area: In the town of Two Inlets MN. Go north on MN Hwy 71 from Park Rapids, then turn left onto County Rd. 41. Look for parking near Two Inlets town hall.
  - or
  - Leave with OTHG group from Hwy 6 and Cty Rd 58 in Outing in front of Owls & Things, at 7:30am, Drive /Trailer to Two Inlets MN (90 miles)
  - or
  - Leave with CIRR group from Ironton Legion Post at 7:30am, Drive/Trailer to Two Inlets MN, approximately 95 miles
- Contact /RSVP to Perry May at 612-919-5806 or Ken Irish at 651-470-2601 for lunch planning or additional more information
- *We had a great time riding the Smoky Hills in 2022; come join us as we explore another great ATV Trail in Minnesota*



## Ladies Only Ride 2023

Come join us for the Ladies Only Ride on September 9th! Final details and the route for the ride are being discussed and planned. We will again have a 10 am start with lunch provided on the trail. Plan on a fun ride with some games and

swag giveaways as well. Bring cash for any free-will donations that you would like to make to the OTHG Club!

Watch for updated details on our [Facebook page for this Event!](#)

Sign up on Eventbrite via Facebook or our website for the Ladies Only Ride 2023!

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## Upcoming Events

- August 12th **Riding with Rory a Suicide Awareness Ride**
- August 19th **Explore MN ATV Trails Ride** on the Forest Riders Trails
- August 19th **Lions Corn Feed** at 11am at the Pickled Loon in Emily, MN
- August 26th **Pizza Party Ride** at the Log Cabin Bar in Emily, MN (Watch FB for more details)
- September 2nd **Club Meeting** at 10am at the Log Cabin Bar in Emily, MN
- September 9th **Ladies Only Ride** (Watch FB for more details and link to Evenbrite)



## Safety and Trail Updates

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### OTHG Trail Coordinator Report for 8/5/2023

Perry reported culvert damage on Lens Road to Ross Lake Township  
Perry spoke with Crow Wing County on possible wetland violations and private property encroachment on EBL. Perry spoke with Terry regarding JM work on EBL

Made a verbal agreement with Enbridge on repair of "A" trail leading up to Wren Lake Loop (No new progress) Perry to prepare bid requests.

Terry ordered fill and spread near driveway south of Emily City Hall

Terry interviewed possible new trail company (Ruyak Enterprises)

Terry issued new work to JM on ditching, widening, and repairs to "B" trail.  
Kent graded "A" trail from Papoose Road to Outing  
Perry provided additional signs to Dales Prop Shop to install on Bloomquist Drive  
Meri Lysne requested more "Outing" signs on trail.  
Perry to attend Crooked Lake Town Board meeting on August 7, regarding  
Sunset Hill Road  
Terry working on Hwy 6 ditch work north of Pickled Loon in mid-September.  
New gravel/crushed asphalt needed on the trail by the Emily City Hall Entrance

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## Volunteers Needed

Our Trail Coordinators are looking for trail volunteers to monitor a section of trail for missing/damaged signs, unsafe trail conditions, trail braiding, boardwalk repairs, etc and report back to the Trail Coordinators. Monitoring should be

done every 2-4 weeks throughout the riding season. Mileage will be a reimbursable expense.

Listed below are the sections that we need volunteers to help monitor

- "A" Trail from Sunset Hill Rd to the Wren Lake Loop
- Plantation and Wren Loops on the Moose River Trails
- Cedar Lake Loop on the Moose River Trails

Contact us if interested: [trailcoordinators@overthehillsgang.org](mailto:trailcoordinators@overthehillsgang.org)

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## Membership

Contact us if you would like to become a member!

New members are added to the newsletter mailings and will receive a welcome packet by the end of the month that they join. Included in the packet is a confirmation/welcome letter, Over The Hills Gang decal, a trail map, info on annual events and fun volunteer opportunities!

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.

If you are a member and are not receiving the newsletter, please see contact information below.

[Become a Member!](#)

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

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## Nominations

Melissa Sink was nominated and approved by members at the August Club Meeting to fill the Interim Treasurer Position until the October elections.

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. Rod Wegener

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## By-Laws

No new updates

Committee members:

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

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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)  
Melissa Sink, 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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