



OVER THE HILLS GANG

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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What's New! Community News



The 2024 Fall Riding Season is in Full Swing

It's been a great summer of riding. A few of our rides are highlighted in the Past Events section! Be sure to get out and join us for the next events.

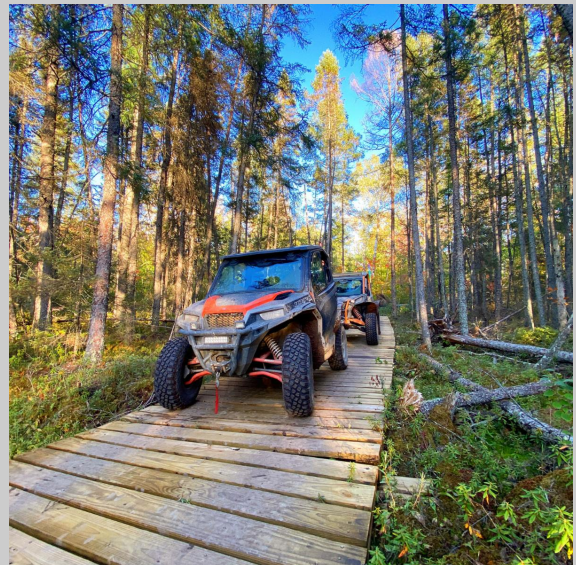
New Club Policy!! If a person volunteers to work at 2 or more events OR does 4 hours or more on volunteer trail maintenance, the person can get a one-year membership.

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

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Events

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

New Fall Merchandise Coming Soon and will be available at the Autumn Log n Ride on October 5th!

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

[Visit our Shop](#)

Club events are posted to our website and Facebook page!!

NOTE: Time change for **ALL** monthly Club Meetings this year. Start time is now 9:30am @ Log Cabin Bar in Emily.

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](#)

Upcoming Events

Autumn Log N Ride/Raffle – October 5 Log Cabin Bar in Emily 11-5

- Raffle drawing for ATV at 4:30!!
- No guided rides.
- OTHG reps will be available in the morning to suggest routes.
- Merch booth
- Grilled brats for purchase



OVER THE HILLS GANG ATV CLUB

Autumn Log-N-Ride Raffle

Drawing 4:30PM - October 5, 2024

The Log Cabin Bar - Emily, MN

\$5 per ticket



GRAND PRIZE - 2024 Polaris Sportsman 570 (\$7,999 Value)

2nd Place - (2) Day 5x5 Rentals in Outing (\$900 Value)

3rd Place - \$500 Cash

4th Place - \$250 Power Lodge Gift Card

5th Place - \$100 Power Lodge Gift Card

6th Place - OTHG Swag Bag (\$100 Value)

Need not be present to win (11) # X-92116-24-019

Past Events:

9th Annual Exploring MN Ride, Saturday August 17th, 2024. This ride brought the Cuyuna Iron Range Riders and the Over the Hills Gang ATV Clubs to the Wilderness Trail

located in Itasca County. This annual ride seeks to bring club members to trails around Minnesota, exploring the diversity of our 80 great Grant-in-Aid ATV trails, the local government units that sponsor the trail, and the ATV clubs that help maintain the trail. Itasca County is one of Minnesota's ATV Recreation leaders, building trails that connect to communities both within and outside of county lines, and this year hosting the ATV MN Ride & Rally.

Our group began the day by meeting at a large parking area in Talmoon, MN next to Hayslips Corner. We headed west, then north through well maintained national forest roads. The tree canopy made up of hardwoods and pines provided a scenic and shady ride, with many views of lakes in the area. There were numerous off-route trails that were open to ATV's, however, we primarily stayed on the designated mapped route.

In total, 19 machines rode 75-miles on a wonderful August day enjoying the Wilderness Trail



Pizza Party Ride

We had a great turnout for the Pizza Party Ride this year! The new location was great and accommodated at least 3 regional ATV clubs making it a true multi-club event!

Pizza was enjoyed by all, with over 80 pizzas provided by Giovanni's Pizza



Ladies Only Ride

The Ladies Only Ride left from the Log Cabin Bar in Emily with 100 riders in 57 machines. We rode the "B" trail up to Egg Lake where we stopped for a trail side lunch provided by The Pickled Loon Saloon of Emily. We made a stop at the All Pine Resort on the way back and ended our ride back at the Log Cabin. Skirts N Dirt provided swag bag raffle prizes for 18 lucky ladies and swag prizes for both our oldest and youngest riders. Even though it was "a bit" dusty a great time was had by all. We could not have asked for a better weather day! Thank you to the OTHG ATV Club and all of our sponsors who made today a success!!





Trail Updates



Little Emily Lake Park

A great new feature for the Emily Outing ATV Trail is the construction of a new Crow Wing County Park called Little Emily Lake Park. Located on the AB Trail section, this park offers a pavilion with picnic tables, vault toilets, playground, fishing pier, swim beach, walking paths, carry-in launch sites for a kayak or canoe, plenty of parking for vehicles which includes an ATV truck & trailer parking area. The park was dedicated on August 8th, and open for visitors. For the 20,000 plus ATV's that annually use our trail, this will definitely be a new destination stop.

Grant Manager Report

In 2023, the Northwoods Regional ATV Trail System received a \$250,000 grant from the MN DNR ATV Dedicated account to be used to repair or refurbish sections of the Northwood's 500-mile trail system. As a member club of the Northwoods Regional ATV Trail Alliance, the OTHG ATV Club received 10% or \$25,000 of this grant. We chose to apply these funds to repair our "A" Trail from Sunset Hill Road north to the Moose River Trails. This section of trail was physically sinking, or being compacted below the adjacent land surfaces, which

caused standing water on 50% of the trail. It also resulted in adjacent swamps to flood the trail during wet periods of weather. Our club had this section closed from May 28th to August 3rd due to soft soil conditions. We have applied a trail building technique, ditching each side of the trail, placing the excavated materials on top of the trail, which raised the trail bed 2-3 feet. The trail now needs to dry, densify and compact before final grading. Currently, this section is in a rough-in stage with a narrow trail surface and deep ditches. We can assure you, this will be only a temporary situation until final grading, and the natural vegetation grows back.



One of our missions for our club is to promote ATV Safety, especially for children. Here are a few statistics that highlights this mission

In the US there have been over 4,000 children 15 years of age and under who have been fatally injured in ATV or UTV accidents since 1982.

- In 9 of 10 fatalities, the victim is not wearing a helmet.
- In 95% of fatalities the victim had not received safety certification.
- 92-97% of child ATV / UTV related fatalities, the child is on an adult-sized machine.
- 63% of all fatalities are due to rollovers
- 70% happen in the right of way.

The data concerning injuries is alarming. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, 40,000 to 55,000 children are visiting Emergency Rooms each year, due to ATV/ UTV related injuries. 27% of these require hospitalization and can involve multi-system injuries including traumatic brain injury (leading cause of fatality), broken bones, internal organ injuries, spinal cord injuries, paralysis, burns, and amputations.

For children under 18, wearing a DOT approved helmet is the law as an ATV operator or passenger.

A MN ATV Safety Certificate is also mandatory for anyone born after July 1, 1987 and is at least 12 year of age to operate an ATV on public trails.

Watch the DNR website for additional classes and availability. [MN DNR ATV Safety Class Schedule](#)

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

Nominations

Over The Hills Gang is looking is looking for a new Secretary to join our Board. If you are interested in joining our great group of Club Officers, please contact us at overthehillsgang@gmail.com

The Nominations Committee manages 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

By-Laws

No new updates

Committee members:

1. Perry May

2. Tim Sink
3. David Thompson
4. Kim Dylla

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