



OVER THE HILLS GANG

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Thanks to over 30 volunteers who rode and inspected the trails on May 4th, we compiled a large list of trail issues and improvements needed to get done during the 2025 riding season. Volunteers removed down trees, cut back overhanging brush, made notes of missing or damaged signs, and marked damaged culverts for replacement. The 70-miles of trails that the OTHG manages were all certified to open on May 15, 2025.

Larger trail projects consist of repairs to our south Emily boardwalk, new culverts for sections of our "A" & "B" trails, crowing, trail hardening, and signage for our new trail section by Little Emily Lake County Park, and grading and crowing sections of trail flattened out by winter timber harvests. later this summer we will have an effort to improve the south side of the Moose River Wren Lake and Cedar Lake loop trails.

There will be some new additions to our trails also, such as a few new benches on trail stop areas, a new porta-potty near Little Reservoir Lake just off the Pikus Forest Road, and a new grill and charcoal ash box donated to us by the North Metro Trail Riders. We also are the first club in Minnesota working directly with the MN DNR to identify invasive plant species along our trails. ***Save the day of July 18, 2025*** for a small classroom and field training to help us identify some of these plants as we ride. More information coming soon.

Trail work is happening almost every week. If you are interested in helping, feel free to email us at overthehillsgang.org

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

We need your help to make our events happen! Volunteer at two Club events and we'll give you a complimentary membership! Get started by helping with one of these events. Email us at overthehillsgang@gmail.com if you're able to assist.



Adopt a Highway Clean-Up: on Cass County Road 58 in Outing - June 7

Pork and Ride: group ride leader and/or club booth attendants to sell raffle tickets, club merch and sign up new members - June 14

Ride your ATV or SxS in the Emily Day Parade with the Club - July 19

Media & Communications



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Events

2025 Event schedule is here! Go to our website and print out a copy for your fridge! <https://overthehillsgang.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/OTHG-2025-Schedule.pdf>

These events don't happen by accident. They are planned, organized and staffed by volunteers. Like You! If you would like to get involved, check our website in the coming months, or email the club at overthehillsgang@gmail.com

Saturday, June 7th: Club Meeting 9:30am
Luscher's Park in Outing, MN
Adopt-A-Highway cleanup immediately following the meeting



Saturday, June 14: 24th Annual Pork-N-Ride at the Log Cabin Bar in Emily, MN

[Check Out Our Events Calendar](#)

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10 Guided Group Rides leaving from various locations. Register for the ride of your choice [HERE](#)

Each group ride reservation includes a door prize ticket. Drawing is at 5pm at the Log Cabin Bar. Must be present to win. Visit our Merch Booth between 10am and 5pm for an EVERYTHING MUST GO SALE! We're clearing out room for fresh merch later this year!

Member Questions This Month



Member Q&A This Month:

Q. Are OHM's allowed on the OTHG Trails?

A. OHM stands for Off-Highway Motorcycle. They are allowed on the Emily Blind Lake Trail (Crow Wing & Aitkin County), but not allowed on the Emily Outing & Moose River Trails (Cass County)

Q. Can a SxS ride on the OTHG Trails?

A. SxS stands for side by side seating. Our trails are open to Class I and Class II ATV's. If your side by side seating ATV is under 2000 lbs, dry weight and between 50 and 65 inches in width you have a Class II ATV. Class I ATV's are under 50 inches and typically are saddle type seating.

Q. What happened to the AB Trail?

A. With the new trail reroute near Little Emily Lake County Park, the AB trail was merged into the "A" trail. Our 2025 paper maps, and Polaris Ride Command is updated to reflect this change.

Q. What happened to the kiosk in the Pickled Loon Parking lot?

A. The kiosk along with the parking area was moved 1 mile east of the Pickled Loon, across MN Hwy 6, and down Papoose Road, next to the new Little Emily Lake County Park. The new parking area is spacious, and eliminates the need for riders crossing MN Hwy 6 to access the trails.

Grant Manager Report

Watch for future updates on what we have been working on

ATV Safety Training

On Saturday, May 3, 2025 the Over the Hills Gang



ATV Club facilitated ATV Safety Training. Thirty students completed both their online and hands-on training which is needed to receive their ATV Safety Certificate once they turn 12 years of age. Anyone born after July 1, 1987 is required by state law to have a Minnesota ATV Safety Certificate to ride public trails. Annual safety statistics confirm that children and adults that have completed safety training and achieved a certificate are the safest riders on the trails. Many thanks to our volunteer Certified Safety Instructors who facilitated this training including Cindy & Dave Thompson, Lynn Remington, Perry May, Kathie & Ryan Huettl, Jim & Brenda Anderson, Terry & Becky Tuckenhagen, Ken Irish, Dave Kodada, Tim Sink, and Conservation Officer Jacquelin Johnson.

On Friday May 17th, the Over the Hills Gang and Eagle Country Snowmobile & ATV Club helped facilitate the outdoor portion of ATV Safety Training for the 5th grade class at Remer Schools. Conservation Officer Corey Sura led the indoor portion of the training. Seventeen students completed their work for an ATV Safety Certificate. Thank you to Volunteer Certified Safety Instructors Dave Thompson, Curt Hemsworth, Craig Hemsworth, Perry May, Maurice and Paula Brule, Kathie & Ryan Huettl.

Membership

Would you like to EARN your membership? You can do so by volunteering for at least 2 hours at 2 Club Events, or by performing 4 hours of Trail Work. Check our last newsletter for the results of this offer in 2024!

Become a Member!

Contact Us:
membership@overthehillsgang.org

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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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