



OVER THE HILLS GANG

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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OTHG Members to the Rescue

On the morning of Friday, July 17, 2026, Perry May received a call from some stranded riders on the Buchite Trail that runs between Fifty Lakes and Emily. A couple, who were visiting the area and staying at the Up a Creek Campground, found one of the deepest mudholes on the trail and were not able to get out. Perry was able to contact OTHG members Brad and Sandra Sorenson who live in Fifty Lakes to lend assistance. The Sorenson's drove their SxS to the stranded riders location and helped pull the couple out of the mud hole. Once out of the mudhole the ATV failed to start. Perry had also contacted Fifty Lakes Deputy Clerk Jessica Istvanovich who contacted Chester Bornotreger from the Fifty Lakes maintenance department, who showed up to tow the machine back to the township road using his 1-ton truck where it was loaded on a trailer. We are grateful for club members like the Sorenson's and city partners like Fifty Lakes, that can help riders in need. As Sandra commented "It's what the club is for"





Event News



OTHG Scavenger Hunt

On July 11th, the OTHG and the Pickled Loon Saloon in Emily hosted an ATV Scavenger Hunt and school supply drive. This family oriented event had people riding the Emily-Outing trails looking for 20+ items that had been carefully placed for their discovery. Enjoying the slower paced ride, scavengers located these items and took pictures of them as proof of their hunting skill. The team with the most pictures wins! Our very own Club President Steve Beneke, and his wife Denise "Red" Beneke, were the winners! The Scherf and Bender teams came in 2nd and 3rd place. Cool ATV trophies were donated by the Pickled Loon. All attendees who donated school supplies or \$5, were entered into a door prize drawing. Thanks to all who donated to help our local children with their school supplies!



OTHG in the Emily Day Parade!
Thanks to all who participated in this event!



Upcoming Events



Monthly Club Meeting

The next monthly club meeting will be **Saturday, August 1st.**
The meeting will be at The Pickled Loon starting at 9:30am in the back room.

All are welcome!

This will be followed by Tacos on the Trail!



Tacos on the Trail

Join us right after the club meeting, around 10:30am, as we ride from the Loon's parking lot up to the White Oak campsite on Draper Road. "Walking Tacos" with pop and water will be available between 11am and 2pm. Grab your riding crew and ride with us!



Annual Fundraiser

This year we are holding our annual fundraiser raffle on **October 3, 2026** at The Log Cabin Bar. Drawing to be held at 4:30. This is our largest fundraiser of the year! This years prizes are:

GRAND PRIZE: New 2026 Polaris Ranger 500 (\$9,999 value)
2nd Place: New 2025 Polaris Sportsman 570 (\$7,999 value)
3rd: \$1,000 CASH
4th: \$500 CASH
5th - 9th: (5) \$100 CASH
10th: OTHG Merch (\$100 Value)



Need not be present to win.

If you'd like to purchase raffle tickets, they are **\$5.00 each** and can be purchased multiple ways:

1. They can be purchased from local Emily/Outing area businesses
2. You can email the club at overthehillsgang@gmail.com requesting to buy raffle tickets and we will email you back with how to pay for the number of tickets you want. (Please allow us time to process email requests) We will then email you a picture of the tickets you purchased.
3. You can also send us a check with "raffle" written in the memo for the amounts of the tickets you'd like to purchase and we'll email you a picture of the tickets you purchased.



ATV MN Nominations

The All Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATV MN) is holding their annual Ride & Rally during the days of September 18-20, 2026 in Park Rapids, MN. A general membership meeting will be held on Saturday evening, September 19th, which will include elections to the ATV MN Executive Board for President, Vice President, and Secretary. OTHG Members, Perry May has been nominated for President, and Dean Schliek for Vice President. Perry previously served on the ATV MN Executive Board from 2017-2022, serving as 2nd VP, 1st VP, and State Director. Dean is currently serving as the ATV MN Regional Director for the NE Region. Both Perry and Dean ask for your support and hope that you can join them at the Ride & Rally. Ride & Rally details and registration can be found [HERE](#)

News and Updates



MN USA Campout

The Minnesota United Snowmobile Association (MNUSA) held their 2026 Summer Campout at Trails Inn Quadna Motel & RV Campground located in Hill City, Minnesota. (A regular advertiser in MN Wheelin magazine) The campout was designed to provide MNUSA members a place to gather, network with other members, recreate, and to hold some association meetings. Gordon Heitke, MNUSA Treasurer, coordinated with Harlan Kingsley from the Northwoods Quads and Perry May & Tim Sink from the OTGH ATV Clubs to lead campout attendees on some ATV rides on the Northwoods Regional ATV Trail System. On Friday the group rode 64 miles roundtrip on the UPM Blandin Trail managed by the Rapid Riders, and had lunch at Zorbaz on Lake Pokegema. On



Saturday the group rode 80 miles round trip to the Pickled Loon in Emily, MN riding on the Hill City and Emily Outing ATV Trails. Special thanks to MNUSA Region 2 Director Randy Vannet who was the event host and served as the ATV ride sweep. This was a good opportunity for MNUSA and MNATV members to meet each other and discuss common interests.

Media & Communications

[Check Out Our Events Calendar](#)

Events

2026 Event schedule Go to our website and print out a copy for your fridge!
[HERE](#)

OTHG prides itself on offering a full season of uniquely fun events. If you'd like to offer input on what YOU think would be a fun event, join us at our Monthly Club Meetings and make your idea a reality! We're always open to fresh new ideas!

August 1st: Monthly Meeting

August 1st: Tacos on the Trail

Sept 12th: Ladies Only Ride

Sept 18-20th: Ride & Rally and ATV MN Elections

Sept 26th: Axtell Ride-In

Oct 3rd: Annual Fundraiser



Ladies Only Ride, Sept 12, 2026

There is some exciting news regarding the Ladies Only Ride 2026 being held on September 12, 2026. This years rides are going to depart and return from the City of Fifty Lakes, and the club will be fundraising for the Pink Ribbon Riders which is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization that provides direct financial assistance to both men and women diagnosed with breast cancer. Janet Donner, the OTHG ATV Club event leader is working hard on pulling all the event details together, which we hope to share in the next 30 days. More information regarding the Pink Ribbon Riders can be found at pinkribbonriders.com

Marketing

Check out all of our great merchandise!

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Volunteer Opportunities

Earn a complimentary annual membership renewal by volunteering to help at a club event or doing trail work. 4 hours of trail work, or helping at 2 club events will get you that free renewal!

Email us at overthehillsgang@gmail.com if you're able to assist.

Many more chances to help! Contact us for more info

Membership

Membership and Renewals

Our club memberships run from March 1st to February 28th of the following year.

Memberships follow the same calendar. Currently we offer a Business Membership and a Family membership. All members with a valid e-mail address will receive our monthly newsletter.

Our Facebook and Website are dynamic, filled with new events and information about the club. Your membership directly supports riding opportunities in the Emily /Outing areas by contributing to the club portion of grant-in aid matching funds needed for trail maintenance and improvements.

Local ATV Clubs maintain the trails, and without a club, there will be no trails.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to also join and participate in the activities. You can request a membership from overthehillsgang@gmail.com, or join and pay with PayPal on our website, Overthehillsgang.org

You can also follow the links below.

[Renewals](#) [New Members](#)

In 2024 we launched a new program to engage more members and club support at our events as volunteers. If someone volunteered at least 2 hours at 2 different club events, or 4 hours of Trail Work, they could earn a free family membership. This program was a great success! For 2025 our numbers increased! We had 66 volunteers at our events this year and 43 volunteers met the requirement to get a free membership. Congratulations to the following who received the free membership and thank you for your hard work this last year

Jim Anderson
Brenda Anderson
George Anderson
Kelly Anderson
Fran Barrett
Dan Barrett
Doug Basballe
Tracy Basballe
Steve Beneke
Denise Beneke
Don Bogdanovich
Pamela Brule
Jason Donner
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Gary Eng
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Kathleen Pesch
John Raines
Dustin Ramsburg
Veronica Ramsburg
Lynn Remington
Jim Remington
Pete Scherf
Diane Scherf
Tim Sink
Steve Slette
Sandi Sorenson
Brad Sorenson
David Thompson
Cindy Thompson
Ted Travica
Ted Travica Jr
Terry Tuckenhagen
Becky Tuckenhagen
Rod Wegner
Jessica Wegner

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Contact Us:
membership@overthehillsgang.org

By-Laws

No new updates

Committee members:

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

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Terry Sewill, Trail Coordinator #2
Kent Korman, Trail Coordinator #3
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