

Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club

April 2023 Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 29 - Spring Meeting & Pancake Breakfast All club members and families are invited! along with those interested in joining the club! 9am, The Hub, 213 1st St S, Hackensack. We will have a short meeting. There is opportunity to renew membership; club gear will be for sale. (There is no club ride after the meeting).

May 1st - State trails open today, conditions permitting, check DNR website for trail status.

May 20 - Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup 10 am. Meet at Anderson's South Shore Resort (formerly Huddles), in Whipholt. We need 8-12 volunteers, takes about an hour, with free lunch at Andersons for all volunteers. Hi-vis vests, bags and pickup tools provided. Bring gloves. Prize for best find in the ditch! To reserve your spot, please contact ScottAgre: scottagre01@gmail.com

May 20th 2023 Ride & Roast/ATV MN 40th Anniversary McQuoid's Inn, Isle, MN.
Visit ATVMN.org for information

June 3 - Our first Club Ride! Paul Bunyan State Forest, Round River Trail System. Start time of 9:00am. Meet in Stompin' Grounds parking lot for the ride. Ride for 3.5-4 hours, then end up at the Stompin' Grounds for lunch on your own. Ride leader Paul Vashro pavashro@gmail.com.

ATV Safety Field Days Scheduled. 3 classes; May 6th AM, June 10 AM & PM for youths 10-15 years of age. Attendees must complete the on line course prior. See flyer attached for details. Feel free to print out the flyer and post where interested parties can view!

NEWS!

The Club Board met on March 11th 2023. A ride schedule was created with planned club rides and meetings. This schedule is now posted on our webpage Woodtickwheelers.com. Please visit the website for club information, past newsletters and special events. Follow us on Facebook.

We also sent out the spring 2023 membership renewal forms. It is important to fill these out and return to the club. You will also be able to renew memberships or join at the pancake breakfast. If you did not receive a notice please send me an email pavashro@gmail.com, Membership forms can also be found on the website. If anyone you know is interested they can download the form fill it out and mail in along with the membership dues. Still a tremendous value at - Individual \$10.00, Family \$20.00, Business \$25.00.

The Woodtick Wheelers on March 25th held a Volunteer DNR Trail Ambassador Meeting.



Chris Emerson, Grant Manager for the Woodtick Wheelers Trail Ambassador Program lead the group of our Volunteer Trail Ambassadors through a presentation to get everyone current on the program and club policies. It was an informative meeting.

Photo by Kathleen Vashro

Are there any Woodtick Wheelers ATV club members interested in becoming a Volunteer MN DNR Trail Ambassador? Contact TA Grant manager Chris Emerson or Club President Paul Vashro for more information. Or review the DNR website.

www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/ta/index.html



The "Minnesota DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassador Program" was established by the DNR Divisions of Enforcement, Parks & Trails and Forestry. The program exists to promote safe, environmentally responsible operation of OHVs through informational, educational contacts and monitoring efforts. Oversight and management of the program is the responsibility of the DNR Division of Enforcement, Safety/Education section.

If any members have children or grandchildren ages 10 – 15 encourage them to enroll in the ATV online safety training class, visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/atv/index.html#calendar, The online class is a prerequisite to the hands-on safety class. Our club will be holding the ATV Safety Field Day Classes three times this year. These classes are posted on the DNR website, or see the Flyer in this newsletter.

Also anyone born after July 1, 1987, or who is 16 years or older must complete the ATV safety online course to be able to utilize MN DNR GIA Trails.

Craig Wadzink The Woodtick Wheelers Vice President and Safety Officer is asking club members to pass the word of the upcoming ATV Safety Field Day's that are now on the DNR Schedule for registration. He is also asking Certified Youth Safety Instructors to sign up to assist with the classes and field days. Contact Craig W.
If you know of some bulletin board's where this can be of interest please print out and post.



**Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club, in Collaboration with the
Cass County Sheriff's Office – Presents**

(3) ATV Safety Field Day Classes

Dates: May 6, 2023 – AM class
June 10, 2023 – AM & PM classes

- ❖ Students must be a minimum age of 10 to take the Hands-On Safety class
- ❖ Students ages 10 – 15 must complete the ATV Safety Online Course at ATVcourse.com (cost \$29.95) prior to attending the Hands-On Safety class
- ❖ Classes are open to ALL individuals who want to learn how to better operate an ATV and learn MN DNR regulations to abide by

AM Session: Begins at 9:00 am (25 students max.) – arrive 45 min. early for reg.

PM Session: Begins at 1:00 pm (25 students max.) – arrive 45 min. early for reg.

Location: Walker Area Community Center, 105 Tower Ave, Walker, MN 56484

Pre-Registration: Contact Craig Wadzink by email at cdwadzink@gmail.com or by mobile at 763-300-0094 (Additional class information will be sent after preregistering)

Cost: ATV Hands-On Class \$0.00 – Sponsored by Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club

Pre-Requisites for achieving ATV Safety Certificate:

- ✓ Must be a minimum of 12 years of age to apply for ATV Safety Certificate
- ✓ Students age 16 and older, or born after July 1, 1987, must complete the ATV Safety online course to apply for MN DNR ATV Safety Certificate (Not required to attend ATV safety Hands-On class)



What members do in the winter.

While most ATV's in the northwoods are resting for the winter, that doesn't stop Wheelers from enjoying other powersports. Woodtick Wheeler board member Scott Agre recently volunteered as a spotter for the inaugural Leech Lake 200 Snowmobile race. Spotters are located at designated locations along the 25 mile race route to make sure the racers stay on course and to assist and report any accidents or break-downs. The weather was great and the racing was exciting!



Powersports fun in the winter.

Photos by Scott Agree



Photo By Dave Halsey

Paul And Kathleen Vashro Attending the ATV Minnesota Legislative Reception at the capital .

Attendance reported by ATVMN, A great turnout.

53 - attendees

18 – of which were Minnesota State Legislators
From the Senate and House of Representatives.

Woodticks In Arizona

What do Woodticks do in the winter?



Mike and Gail Barnum enjoying time in Arizona



Gail and friend Taml Laska from Stony Lake



How to enjoy ATV motorsports!

Mike Barnum in Bouse, AZ shared: "Where we have been since February 4th. Had some issues on the way down with our Toy hauler (gelled diesel, 2 blown trailer tires and a failed turbo). Finally here, been enjoying the ATVing with some friend from Minnesota. We rode 35 miles one way to The Desert Bar, wow what a great place and money maker, only open Saturday and Sunday. If you don't like riding in the dust, AZ is not for you! Wednesday we ride into the desert to listen to a Northern Idaho Country Band. Last month they had 400-500 people attend. On the 10th we head to Terlingua, TX for 10 days to dry camp at our Son's place, he lives off the grid (no running water, no electricity and no sewer). Then back to MN on the 21st."

COMING SOON!!! Woodtick Wheeler Wear will be available at the pancake breakfast, along with new items and colors that will be available to order on line. Watch for ordering info in the next couple of weeks. The online store will open April 26th and close May 10th.

Send your interesting Pictures and stories to the club at pavashro@gmail.com

Don't forget to say thanks to all the businesses that support our club! And Please continue to support them:

American Legion Post 202 / Hackensack, Arrowhead Builders Supply / Longville, A&N Computers / St Cloud, Bear Pause Theater, Big Dipper Restaurant, Birchwood Char House and Bar/ Hackensack, First National Bank North, Hartmann Recycling / St. Cloud, Ironside Trailer Sales & Service / Harmony, Larson Construction, Lakes Area Powersports / Walker, Loney Sales and Service / Walker, North Lakes Marine & Auto / Longville, Ray's Sport and Cycle / Grand Rapids, Remer Motel & Campground, The One Stop / Longville, Select Seamless Gutters / Cross Lake, Trosen Electric / Hackensack, Stomping 'Grounds / Akeley, Swanson's Bait and Tackle / Hackensack, Southside Fuel Plus,
(Let us know if we forgot anyone)

Parting Shot



Photo Mike Barnum

“Our Daughters (Kelly & Rebeca) surprised Gail for her XXth Birthday, they flew out of Illinois to Arizona for the weekend and rode with us on a 60 mile desert ride on Saturday”

I have always said, “ATV ing is a family sport”.

“Come Ride With Us!”

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As always open the Woodtick!