

Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club August 2023 Newsletter



The Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club – held their annual meeting on July 22 2023. Followed by a fun ride thru the Foothills State Forest. Hot coffee and donuts from Woman Lake Lodge were had by all! Introductions were held, and two new members introduced.

Welcome New Members – Wayne Schmitz from Hackensack and Ron Hylla from Holdingford. Both new members accompanied us on our ride thru the Foothills.

The club gave reports on, Safety, Membership, Treasurer, Trail Ambassador Program, Facebook, Website, Adopt a Highway, and the status of the Search and Rescue Team.

Craig Wadzink the Team Safety officer reported the club had trained 69 youths along with their parent or guardian. Well done to everyone involved! The board will discuss scheduling classes for 2024.

Election of Board Members - Paul Vashro and Scott Agre, both were up for re-election. A motion was made and seconded and both were voted in unanimously for another term. The board will hold officer elections at the next board meeting being held at the HUB Hackensack on Thursday evening August 3rd 7:00pm. Members are invited to attend.

Club gear was on display and for sale, Hats – T-shirts – Sweatshirts.

In attendance was **Jeff Peterson** Cass County Commissioner who is on the Cass County ATV Ordinance Committee. Jeff presented to the group a report that is important to all ATV club members. Following is a copy of that letter.

Woodtick Wheelers Report

Our mission is to deliver quality public services to the citizens in an effective, professional and efficient manner.

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The Cass County Board of Commissioners established a Committee of the Board with Commissioners Peterson and Kangas on February 21, 2023. This was in response to the increased ATV activity impacting the Land Department, Sheriff's Office, and Highway Department. The Committee is responsible for bringing recommendations back to the full County Board regarding an ATV Ordinance for Cass County.

On March 7, 2023 the Committee met with staff from the Land Department, Sheriff's Office, and highway Department. It was agreed that ATV's are here to stay and should be used on the surface of the road to reduce accidents and the cost of maintaining highway shoulders, ditches, and driveway approaches. It was also agreed that education will be critical for enforcement of any ATV ordinance. The Committee reported back to the County Board that an ATV ordinance for Cass County should have a goal to increase public safety, protect soils and water, and reduce costs for constituents. The Committee also directed staff to schedule a meeting with local ATV and Snowmobile clubs for input before engaging Township Boards.

On April 19, 2023 the Committee attended the Spring Grant in Aid meeting with local ATV and Snowmobile clubs. Clubs reported that a goal should be to get all ATV's, regardless of classification, out of the ditch and onto the road surface to prevent damage and injury to riders. It was also reported that ATV use on the road would be best managed under the Grant In Aid program to provide a source of revenue for maintenance, signage, and the presence of trail ambassadors for education. It was noted that it is unrealistic for all county forest access roads to be open and maintained for ATV use.

The Committee recently attended a Cass County Association of Townships Directors meeting to establish meetings with Townships. It was recommended that the County schedule two meetings with a hybrid option. The Committee has scheduled a meeting in Walker on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 6:00pm with a ZOOM option. The Committee has also scheduled a meeting in Backus on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 6:00pm with a ZOOM option. The Committee will be asking for Township input on County Road Surface and County Road Ditch ATV use, County Forest Road ATV use, and ATV use or Trails that connect communities.

The Committee plans to use the information received to DRAFT an ATV Ordinance and begin public hearings later this fall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1st National Night Out 5 – 7 p.m. Hackensack Community Center We will have our club trailer There. Stop by!

August 5th

Club Ride UPM Blandin Trail

Always a club favorite – Meet at the Trail Parking 9:00 a.m.

From Hill City, go 7.5 miles north on Hwy. 169, then east on Smith Dr. for 0.25 miles.

We will ride first to the west of 169 than back south east and follow the detour on UPM Blandin forest roads into Hill City for lunch on your own at Harry's Bar and Grill. Than again following the detour back up to the parking area. Ride leader Kathleen Vashro 612-819-2787, kavleen@aol.com

August 23 - Volunteer Opportunity - Hackensack Chainsaw Event. I will have the Club trailer at this event on Saturday. If you are interested in helping work the information table answering questions about the club, let me know.

August 24 Through Labor Day - Minnesota State Fair -MN DNR Trail Ambassador volunteer opportunity. Stop by the MN DNR building and see their display and say hello to the volunteer's talking to the public.

September 9th - Club Ride, Schoolcraft Trail. Ride leader TBD, lunch stop on your own at Backwoods Bar Grill, Start location TBD time 9:00am.

September 22 - 24 ATV MN State Convention Ride & Rally. Host Clubs: Quad Cities ATV Club, Ranger Snowmobile & ATV Club, Location: Giants Ridge, Biwabik. Got to ATVmn.org for more information.

Weekday Rides can be planned if someone is willing to put it together. I can let the membership know by way of email.

See WoodtickWheelers.com for fall happenings and rides. We will also post rides to our Facebook page.

***** New Club Business Member Highlight *****

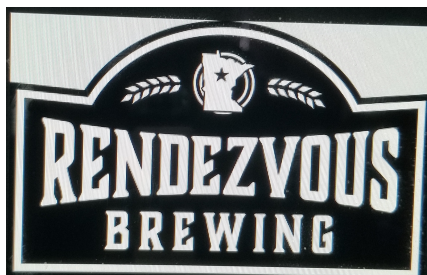
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See you soon!

If any Club member in good standing is interested in committing some time to help the club thrive and grow, you can do this by becoming a board member. Send me an email expressing your interest so I can contact you when an opening occurs.

The Woodtick Wheelers Board of Directors, -Paul Vashro President, - Craig Wadzink Vice President/Safety Officer, - Dave Shaw Treasurer/Membership, - Scott Agree, - Chris Emerson, - Heather Emerson, - Brian Markley, - Julie Bell, - David Kane.

MN DNR TA'S - 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.

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.

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,
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Southside Fuel Plus,/Hackensack
Trillium Boat Works/Hackensack

(Let us know if we forgot anyone)

For those Business Members that participate in our club's Polaris Ride Command Point of Interest (POI) program thank you! The club uses the monies received to buy gift certificates from the participating business and gives these out to club members during rides and meetings.

If interested in having your business, food, lodging or services on the app contact the Woodtick Wheelers at pavashro@gmail.com

JULY 2023 PICTURES



Above - Decorating for the July 4th Longville Parade



Above - On the Wilderness Trail - Lunch at Antler Lodge



Above - Ron Danielson trail manager for the Wilderness Wheelers joined our ride on the trail he manages.



**Above
Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club July 22nd 2023 Annual Meeting
Saddling up for the club ride – Enjoying the Foothills State Forest**



Club members enjoying lunch at The Corner Store Restaurant



**Woodtick Wheelers
represented at the
Sweetheart Days Parade**

“Parting Shot”



A NEW YAHAMA RMAX was spotted in the Foothills

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