

Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club September 2023 Newsletter



Just in - Woodtick Wheelers club members that are part of the Cass County Search & Rescue Team participated in a search for a missing person conducted by the Cass County Sheriff's Department

Craig Wadzink Club Vice President/Safety Officer and S&R team member, sent this email to Woodtick Wheeler S&R Team Leader Sherrie Gayken.

Sherrie, Scott provided a nice recap of the first day of the search. I do not know if he took photos of the gathering. Unfortunately, I did not take any photos on Wednesday of the search due to many moving parts in preparation for the start of the search teams and missed the opportunity.

On Wednesday, we regrouped in another location with the Sheriff's Command Trailer, more organized. There were 6 or more machines from our SAR team. Chad again was lead coordinator, and there was significant involvement by many Sheriff's Deputies, Chief Deputy, Sheriff Welk and a Detective as well close to a dozen volunteer firefighters from the Walker Fire and Rescue Dept. Less than 45 minutes into the search the missing women was found alive off of the Heartland trail southwest of Long Lake, north of Hwy 34. Good ending to the search.

At the close of the search on Tuesday, Chad and the Sheriff expressed to me that there was a great response time from the SAR team and the search procedures were followed perfectly. I again received excellent comments from both of them on Wednesday on our SAR team.

Craig

From the Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club - Thank you S&R Team members for what you do, and have trained for over the years.

The Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club – Held a board meeting on Thursday evening August 3rd at The HUB Hackensack. Officer elections were held.

These positions were filled.

President Paul Vashro, Vice President/Safety Officer Craig Wadzink, Treasurer/Membership Dave Shaw, Secretary Open.

Upcoming ride schedule,

September 9th, Club ride Schoolcraft Trail. Meet 9:00 am at trailhead parking located across from Backwoods Bar and Grill. Located northwest of Walker, approximately 1 hour drive from Hackensack. Trail difficulty easiest. We will ride about 30 miles ending up back at parking area, then enjoy lunch on your own at Backwoods bar and grill. Ride leader Paul Vashro. pavashro@gmail.com. 763-420-8147

September 22nd 23rd 24th - ATV Minnesota State Convention Ride and Rally. Host Clubs: Quad Cities ATV Club, Ranger Snowmobile & ATV Club, Location: Giants Ridge, Biwabik MN. visit ATVMN.org for more information.

September 22 thru 24th Hackensack Chainsaw Event. I will have the club trailer at the event on Saturday September the 23rd. Two additional volunteers needed to answer questions about the club, hand out membership applications along with MN DNR Trail Atlases and Regulation books. Email Paul Vashro pavashro@gmail.com if interested in helping out the club.

October 7th 2023 Woodtick Wheelers Fall Color Ride. Emily Outing Blind Lake Connector Trail. Details to come.

What we did in August

August 1st 2023 National Night Out – Hackensack MN.



The Woodtick Wheelers Club Trailer on display along with S&R Team members. Sherrie Gayken, Brian Markley and Craig Wadzink

UPM Blandin Ride

On August 5, 2023 The Woodtick Wheelers Club rode the UPM Blandin Trail. We started the ride heading west of Hwy 169 for about 45 minutes then returned to parking for a quick break, then on down thru UPM Blandin forest land to Hill City for a delicious lunch at Harrys Bar. Then back to the trailhead parking area. Total of 60 miles.

Some pictures of what happens if you get off the main trail! Kathleen was driving, Paul was navigating.



Photos by Carole Mulvihill

Paul hooking up the tow line, Bill Mulvihill lending a helping hand, Kathleen giving the thumbs up on having fun!



Having Lunch at Harry's Bar and Grill in Hill City is always enjoyable and tasty.

Below – A Line up of Woodtick Wheelers on the trail and at the trailhead parking lot.



MN DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassadors at the Minnesota State Fair.

The Woodtick Wheelers Club Members volunteer to greet and answer questions from the public, hand out trail atlases and regulation books at the DNR OHV exhibit.



If any club member has a interest in becoming a Volunteer Trail Ambassador, sign up for TA training!

Description: **Volunteer Trail Ambassador Training**

Class Date: Saturday November 18, 2023

Class Time: Starts @10:00am

County: Morrison

Location: Camp Ripley

15011 Hwy 115, Little Falls, MN 56345

Class held at: EMTC Building

*Directions/map provided upon registration

Description: Pre-registration is required. There is no fee to attend.

Visit the MN DNR website for more info and pre-registration. If you have questions on being a trail ambassador please contact Chris Emerson, the clubs DNR Grant Manager, or club President Paul Vashro

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,
Board members - Chris Emerson, -Heather Emerson, -Scot Agre
-Brian Markley, - Julie Bell, - David Kane.

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

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.

Thank You - South Side Fuel Plus for you generous donation to the Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club!!!

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

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(Let us know if we forgot anyone)

Parting Shot



Paul And Kathleen Vashro at The Fair

**It is very rewarding to volunteer!
The majority of TA's that volunteered at the State Fair DNR OHV display were
Woodtick Wheelers!**

"Come Ride With Us!"

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As always open the Woodtick!