

## Woodtick Wheelers ATV/OHM Club Newsletter October, 2022

Hello fellow wheelers, it has been a busy month with all the transition to the club leadership, making sure all facets of the club business are covered. Things are going great on that front so the club can continue to exist and even thrive. Thanks to Dave Halsey's experience and knowledge of the workings of the club and willingness to pass on that experience has helped make the transition successful.

### **Club Happenings**

Woodticks were spotted at the Minnesota State Fair.



Club members Julie and Jim Bell, As Volunteer MN DNR Trail Ambassadors staffed the DNR ATV display on 08/30/2022. Jim reports the weather was great, and we had lots of good contacts and conversations about trail locations and youth training.

#### **Club Fall Ride!**

October 8<sup>th</sup> 2022, Paul Bunyan State Forest, Round River Trail. Meet at The Stomping Grounds parking lot for a 9am ride start time, We will ride with stops every hour until 1:00

– 1:30 ending up back at Stomping Grounds for lunch (on you own). Ride Leader Paul Vashro <a href="mailto:pavashro@gmail.com">pavashro@gmail.com</a> 763-420-8147

Club Trailer at ATV MN Ride and Rally

Dpen the Woodtick!

Woodtick Wheelers members along with Woodrow the Woodtick had a busy day setting up and displaying Woodtick Wheeler Wear, Greeting ATV enthusiast through

out the day.

Quite a few items sold, sweat shirts, t-shirts, and miscellaneous merchandise was sold. And Three new members were signed up 1 individual,

1 family, and many membership application forms were given out along with Minnesota DNR atlases and Regulation books.



The Woodtick Wheelers ATV/OHM Club recommends to all interested members to join **ATV Minnesota** the statewide ATV association, to keep abreast of activity throughout the state and at the State Capital where the Lobbyist for ATVMN keeps information flowing to the law makers and back to the clubs.

**Next Woodtick Wheelers Board Meeting** is October 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am at The HUB Hackensack. Meeting 10:00 – 12:00 – Lunch (in town on your own)12:00 – 1:00 – Meeting 1:00 - 2:00pm, 2:00 pm adjourn. (All club members are welcome to attend)

#### The Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club

Is a strong supporter of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Trail Ambassador program. Our TA grant manager is Board Member Chris Emerson. Our



club currently has 19 members that are Trail Ambassadors. If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer in the Trail Ambassador program the best source of information is the DNR website.

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

Upcoming Volunteer Trail Ambassador classes are scheduled for 11/19/2022 and 01/28/23 at camp Ripley.

## These are the requirements to be a Trail Ambassador

Be 18 years or older

Be an active Certified MN DNR Volunteer Youth ATV Safety Training Instructor Submit to a thorough background investigation

Possess a valid drivers license

Be sponsored by a "Qualified Organization"

Woodtick Wheelers ATV/OHM Club is a Qualified Organization

Complete a "Trail Ambassador" training session (6 hrs).

## Safety Instructor



Our club ATV Safety Leader is our Vice President Craig Wadzink who leads the Youth ATV safety Classes.

When asked what is required to become a Certified ATV Safety Instructor his response is.

To become a certified volunteer instructor you need to be at least 18 years of age,

pass a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Background Check, and must be student certified in ATV safety.

You must be passionate about the sport and have a passion to connect with students to deliver valuable safety education. As a volunteer All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety Instructor you can use your knowledge, skills and personal experience to educate youths (and adults) to ride ATVs safely and respectfully. More importantly, as a certified youth ATV instructor, you need to know how to deliver (through the use of Training techniques) ATV policy and procedures, ATV laws and regulations, with focus on teaching and promoting safe responsible ATV operation, along with hands on training.

For more information visit, <a href="www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/atv/index.html">www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/atv/index.html</a>

#### Search and Rescue



Leader is Sherrie Gayken - The Cass County Military RZR was on display at the ATV MN Ride and Rally on September  $17^{th}$ , Woodtick Wheeler Club S&R Team members were on hand to answer question from many ATV MN Fair attendees.



Sherrie Gayken – Craig Wadzink – Scott Agre – Mike Marxer

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Woodtick Wheelers
Community outreach
Safety education trailer
was at The Hackensack
Chainsaw Event. Paul and
Brian gave out numerous
DNR Atlases and
regulation books, youth
activity coloring books
and lots of advice on trails
in the area, 6 new

members we signed up on the spot, and many membership forms given out.

#### **Club Committee members needed**

We are still asking for volunteers to help with the following committees Communications – News Letter

- Website
- Social media Facebook

Public Relations - PR releases to local media outlets

Video Recording editing – Pictures of events and rides

Local Community events - Social events for the club

Food Planning for Club Meetings and Rides

Woodtick Wheeler wear - Help with planning, research, design, ordering, sales, inventorying, pricing, cataloging.

Ride planning and Ideas – 2023 ride schedule

As always "Open the Woodtick". Any member that is good at researching and campaign or proposal writing that wants to take on this goal will be welcomed whole heartedly.

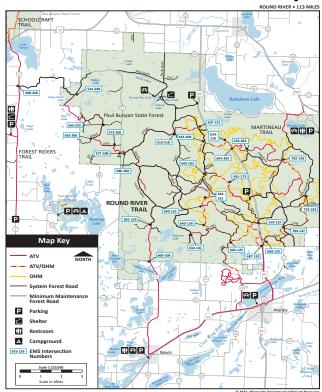
## Don't forget to say thanks to all the businesses that support our club! And Please continue to support them:

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

Paul Vashro, President, 763-420-8147; Craig Wadzink VP; Kathy Jestus, Secretary; Dave Shaw, Membership/Treasurer; Chris Emerson; Heather Emerson; Scott Agre; Brian Markley: Julie Bell;

Any Ideas, comments, suggestions or Questions, can be sent to me at pavashro@gmail.com

## Location of our next ride Round River ATV Trail's - Paul Bunyan State Forest



## Parking and Lunch at

The Stomping Ground's Campground – Bar & Grill 26993 State Road 64 North Akeley, MN. 56433 218-652-2964

www.stompingroundslodge.co m/about-us

GPS: 47.048838, -94.735107

# Parting Shot! (fun Picture)



Former Club President Dave Halsey being escorted away from his club responsibilities onto his other ATV related endeavors by club member Sherrie Gayken.

If you have any Images, interesting ATV happenings photos or videos from club rides or rides you have taken on your own that may be of interest to the rest of the club, please send to pavashro@gmail.com.