



Open Trails ATV Club

December 2009 Newsletter

The purpose of Open Trails ATV Club shall be to promote our sport by developing a positive image of a family fun filled activity, encourage more people to join us, diligently support safety, and be proactive in support of existing trails while endeavoring to develop new trails.

Up Coming Events

Jan 6th Meeting Youth Safety Training
7:00
Monticello Legion

Jan 19th Meeting Board
6:00, General membership
7:00
Monticello Legion

Jan 30th Holiday Party
VFW in
Monticello.

Feb 16 Meeting Board
6:00, General membership
7:00
Monticello Legion

Feb 27 Ride
Chengwatana State Forest.

President Dan Alford's brought the December meeting of Open Trails ATV Club to order. Secretaries' and Treasures' reports were approved as read. Officers, new members, and visitors were introduced.

ATVAM Report-

ATV fair will be held this year on May 1st and 2nd. The new Location is the Anoka County Fairgrounds.

The 70-mile trail has been named the Northwood's Regional Trail System. 70 mile trail update is found on www.70milettrail.net Phase I construction nearly complete.

Trail maintenance on Federal land with a chainsaw requires chainsaw certification. The next class will be Jan 14th at the Mt. Iron Civic Center.

ATVAM is selling clothing; some of the older styles are sale priced. Go to ATVAM.org

On Jan 9th Steven A. will be attending the ATVAM legislative meeting. If anyone has any concerns regarding ATV laws, please take them to Steven A. He will comment on these at the Legislative meeting.

Spring Banquet April 3rd in Forest Lake, MN includes a 10-gun raffle, see Steven A for tickets.

The Outdoor channel recently had a special on new ATV trails. If anyone has time please check this out.

OLD BUSINESS-

Youth Safety Training- Scheduled for April 18th at the Rockford township hall. Shawn will chair. There will be a meeting on Jan 6th at the legion in Monticello for anyone who wants to volunteer. Information was given to the Community Education book and will be put on ATVAM's web calendar.

Vision Plan- any ideas on how to increase memberships are always welcomed. An email was placed to the Monticello Times who said that they would put meeting times in the paper. Shawn is to call Starwest Honda to place a link on their website. We are currently linked on Delano Sports Center and Moon Motorsports.

Open Trails Clothing still available. We have a small selection of T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and hats, along with decals. If you would like to purchase any of these please let me know. The board approved to have the logo digitalized with J&J Athletics. I have contacted him and asked to have samples of colors made. The goal will be to have these at the holiday party.

Elections Committee Elections will be held at the Jan meeting on Jan 19th. Chair is Carol Lamphere, So far the positions of President is open for nominations. Current nominations are for Vice president, Rodney Halsten, Secretary, Carol Lamphere, for Treasurer, Pat Zierden, for Board Members Bonnie Ashbaugh, and Lee Winkelman, and for ATVAM rep Steve Ashbaugh. If you would like to run or nominate someone please email or call me. I will be calling club members to remind them that we vote in Jan.

Holiday Party-Volunteers are Chris Anderson, Bette Alford, Carol Lamphere, Bonnie Ashbaugh, and Viola Moorhouse. So far we have scheduled this for Jan 30th at the VFW in Monticello. It will be a potluck. The invitation is to follow.

NEW BUSINESS-

Greg from Delano Sports Center was present at the meeting and has set up a program with the club to give us 10% off at the store as well as a point card for the club. For anyone who makes a purchase at the store, the club earns points to be used for prizes or supplies for the club.

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Monticello Legion, located at 304 Elm Street. 6:00 pm Board meeting 7:00 pm General membership

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