



February 2010 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.

President Carol Lamphere brought the February meeting of Open Trails ATV Club to order, Secretaries report was approved as read. No Treasures' report, Patrick was absent. Officers, new members and visitors were introduced.

Upcoming Events- Feb. 27th **Ride at Chengwatana State Forest, Pine City, MN (Breakfast at Merlin's in Princeton at 7 am, Meet at trail head at 10am)

Mar. 27th **Ride at Danbury, WI (Breakfast at Tobies 7 am, Meet at Fishbowl 10 am)

Mar. 16th **Next meeting

April 3rd ** ATVAM Membership Banquet, 5:30pm Forest Lake, MN

May 1st and 2nd **ATVAM's ATV Fair, Anoka County Fairgrounds, 9 am

ATVAM Report- * The public is invited to learn more or offer input about the status of the future Stagecoach State Trail in southeastern Minnesota by attending one of three informal open houses in Feb. For more information go to the DNR website.

* The Woodtick Wheelers ATV/OHM Club would like the public to know that the Chippewa National Forest, Walker Ranger District, is planning to close 27 miles of road in the Remer area to all vehicles and is now inviting comments from the public regarding the closings.

* Certified Volunteer ATV Safety Instructor Training Class: Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 6pm to 9pm, Camp Ripley, Little Falls, MN Class held at Nelson Hall-Pine Room. Must preregister.

* Volunteer Trail Ambassador Training, Saturday, March 20, 2010, 9am to 5:30pm, Camp Ripley, Little Falls, MN. Must preregister and have a Certified MN DNR Volunteer ATV Instructor Certificate.

* Volunteer Trail Ambassador Training, Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 9am to 5pm, Camp Ripley, Little Falls, MN. Must preregister and have a Certified MN DNR Volunteer ATV Instructor Certificate.

* ATVAM Membership Banquet, April 3rd in Forest Lake, MN at the Legion. Register online at www.atvam.org or call 1-800-442-8826. Come join fellow ATV enthusiasts for great food, lots of prizes, raffles and fun.

Old Business- *Youth Safety Training April 18th at Rockford Township Hall, help out if you can.

*March 27th Danbury, WI Meet for Breakfast at Tobies 7am or else at Fishbowl at 10am to ride

* Next meeting date: March 16th

New Business- *June trip to the Upper Peninsula, MI, Winter Haven Motel (\$71/night, \$76/night for kitchenette)~some camping is available, mainly self contained

*Rodney will work on trying to fix our broken OpenTrails yard sign that is in the storage shed. We are hoping to put it up at Davidsons on Hwy 55 in Buffalo.

* Orders can still be made for our new clothing, please see Carol for order forms.

*ATVAM's ATV fair is May 1 & 2. Our club will have a booth there. **WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS** to help out for both days. Please let Carol or Bonnie know if you are interested in helping. We are also looking to create a committee to help come up with creative ideas on how to "spice" up our booth. Please see Bette.

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 meeting.

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