

Open Trails ATV Club

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.

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Monticello American Legion. Located at 304 Elm Street. Email - opentrailsatvclub@yahoo.com Web - opentrailsatvclub.com

Upcoming Events

- Nov 18th Board Meeting 6pm
General Meeting 7pm
- Dec 12th Ride Outing Moose River
Trail Details at Nov
Meeting Note: date change



The October meeting of Open Trails ATV Club was brought to order by president Dan Alford. Secretaries' and Treasures' reports were approved as read. Officers, new members, and visitors were introduced.

ATVAM Report- ATVAM convention update- Thank you Christine Winkelman for taking notes. Lee placed 2nd in his class for the ATV pull and 1st in the mud run. Some riders were ticked for no registration and no helmets on kids. Motion was approved to move elections for ATVAM to the fall convention instead of the spring convention.

Member input is needed for forest planning of new trails to connect existing trails. See the DNR website.

There are currently 1300 ATV youth instructors in MN and have held 1220 classes to date.

70-mile trail work is slated to begin this fall.

Greenleaf State Recreation area draft plan is available for review at the DNR web site.

The Southern MN meet and Ride was held 51 people attended and 38 ATV's rode, more news to come later.

OHV restrictions during the firearm season. Series 100 season Nov 8-22 and Series 200 Nov 8-16. No OHV riding on state land with the exception of hunters before shooting hours, 11am -2pm and after legal shooting hours. See the DNR website for specific information.



ATVAM launched a new website.

June 13th is the next attempt at the world record ATV parade. We missed the record by 56 ATV's in the past.

ATVAM is partnering with ATV dealers to sell memberships with ATV sales. Dealers would get money back with each membership.

New Business

Youth Safety Training. Shawn Chair, Amanda Co-chair. Dan, Bette, Pat, and Chris agreed to be on the committee. If anyone else would like to be part of the planning please let one of them know.

Vision Planning- We are in need of a club vision for the next 1-5-10 years. How we can get members involved, recruit new members, and, improve the club functioning. If you have suggestions on improvements or ideas and want to meet. Please let Dan know.

Old business

Election Committee- Amanda had volunteered to take this on. She will be taking nominations starting in Nov.

2009 Ride Schedule Committee- Amanda, Dan, Bette, Stan, Carol and Greg met and laid out a preliminary ride schedule. Amanda will add meeting times and places to this.

Holiday Party Committee- Jody, Chris, Bette, Carol and Rita have volunteered so far. No meeting held as of yet. If anyone has suggestions, please let one of us know.

Web Page- Dan has done some training with Tim and will be working updating and changing items as needed. This takes a tremendous amount of time. Thanks Dan.

Red Top Maintenance- The next trail maintenance will be next spring.

Storage Shed- I will be meeting with Laura Varner of Extra Space in Buffalo to set up our next year contract. On Nov 1st we will need a group and a trailer to move all the items in the shed. Meet at 7:30 am at Brooks in Buffalo for breakfast or 9:00 at the storage shed across from Menards in Buffalo. Greg and I will be there; if you have questions you can call me. 763-242-6096

Nov Meeting- Attention, we will be having a Chili theme potluck at the Nov meeting. Bring a small pot of chili to share and your own silverware and bowls.

It is again time to pay your dues. As with last year, dues are for one year due by Jan 1st for the next calendar year. Pat will start with Email notices and then follow up with mailed as needed. To save club funds, it would be great to limit the number of mailed notices.