

Voyageur Country ATV

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“Ride Hard. Don’t Leave a Mark.”

Highlights from the Fall Ride



Oct 9th was a huge success, hosted by Club members from the North end of Voyageur Country. Many thanks are in order! First, we would like to send a special thank you out to Wes and Bob for allowing us to have lunch on their gorgeous ranch! The ranch had amazing views in every direction you looked. We would also like to thank the following people for their donations and support: PCA, Forestland Sales & Service, JD Trucking, Million \$ Club, Rainy Lake Oil, Beyond Esthetics, Boondocks Bar & Grill, Borderland Insurance, Britt Bar & Lounge, Cantilever Distilling Co., Cenex, Coca-Cola Bottling of Int'l Falls, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Eckman GM, Koerter's Fuel, MTL Companies, Nancy Glubka, Rainy Lake Houseboats, Rainy Lake RV, The Junction Bar & Grill, Voyageur Ice & Refrigeration. Greentech, the VTSI (Voyageur Trail Society Inc), and all the ladies that made the delicious homemade desserts. (The lunch served was awesome!)

The northern boys did a great job of planning and executing an amazing fall ride! The weather was good and the location was beautiful. This event raised a lot of money for the Club to spend on trail maintenance and trail improvements. New Club apparel was for sale at the ride as well as some raffles and drawings. Lots of new club memberships occurred as a result of this great event, so the Club is grateful for that too! Our current membership count is approximately 900 members strong! Thanks to all of you who attended. “Hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did!”



The USFS presented our Club with 2 awards last month: an Eastern Region Honor award for “Facilitating rural prosperity and economic development” and a Service award for “Citizen stewardship, partnerships and volunteerism”. Thank you Tim!

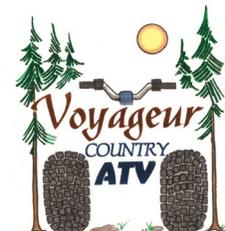
Pictured: Mark Anderson, Tim Engrav, Bruce Beste, Gretchen Janssen, Steve Koch. Board member Mike Cherrywell below.



Upcoming Events

- November 10th, 1 pm
Virtual Awards Ceremony
for the RTP Annual Awards
(featuring our Club!)
- November 10th
Monthly Club meeting 6:30
pm Trails End Resort in
Buyck
- December 1 Deadline
for being included in the
next map printing
- December 11th Club
Christmas Party at the VRT,
6:00 pm

*Thank you for your
membership and
support!*



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Club News:

*Fox Forest
Freedom Pass
Whispering Waters
Patriot Way
Wandering Winds*

These are some ideas for names to replace numbers on some of our trails! What ideas do you have? Please email them to:

gretchMN@gmail.com

In Other Award News:

In addition to the awards featured on p 1, our Club has also been given an Annual Achievement award from the Federal Recreational Trails Program. They chose the Vermilion Falls Trail project as a national winner in the smaller project category, for outstanding use of funds for construction and design. Pete Stauber, our friend and US Congressman from Saint Louis County spoke on our Club's behalf at the national awards ceremony.

Christmas Party

You are all invited to a pot-luck party at the VRT in Buyck, Saturday December 11th starting at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share and a gift to participate in our popular gift exchange game. There will be Club apparel for sale (it makes a great gift!) and some amazing raffle prizes to bid on. **Please drop off donations for the Christmas party raffles to the VRT anytime now!**

Map Reprint

Many of our Club businesses sent in \$300 with their recent renewal. If YOU would like to be added to this list as an ADVERTISER on the next map printing, NOW is the time. Send in your **\$300** to the Club at Box 414, Crane Lake, MN 55725. We are printing this winter, so the **DEADLINE is December 1st**. If you have questions, call Beth or email: info@pineridgemotel.com. Advertisers should be business members of the Club. Thank you!

Project Updates

Lots of hard work has been going on this Fall!

The core of our trail system around the new steel bridge in Orr/Buyck and along the Arrowhead trail has been upgraded with more gravel, hardening, signs and gates. Riders have been very impressed with the great condition our trails are in!

We owe a thanks to many of our dedicated club members as well as a thanks to the IRRR for grant dollars allowing this work to be completed. Also this fall, the environmental engineers have been busy completing the preliminary work needed for obtaining permits over the winter. We have 7 major projects that are funded by state ATV dedicated monies we hope to

complete in the Spring. These 7 projects are part of our Master Plan, and they require wetland delineation, archaeology surveys and other engineering services. Overall these projects will add 45 miles to our growing trail system, from Kabetogama to Cook. Our club was awarded over \$2M and we are putting that money to good use! We have many great trail construction projects lined up for 2022.



Looking to Volunteer?

Our club needs help with processing Grant in Aid funds (mostly recordkeeping)

We would also like to apply for grants through Yamaha and Polar. If you can help with these, please email us! Thank you



The **Pelican River Overlook** is becoming more and more popular as a year round attraction! Have you visited yet? Our club is planning to build more inviting points of interest along our trail system including: A picnic site at Winchester Lake, adding overlooks to the wood bridge near Vermilion Falls, improving the access at the Fire Tower in Cook, adding porta potties at Winchester Lake and installing a year round vault toilet at the steel bridge site. All of these ideas are already funded for completion soon.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

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reader's attention,
place an
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sentence or quote
from the story
here."

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your

newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other

forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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