

Voyageur Country ATV

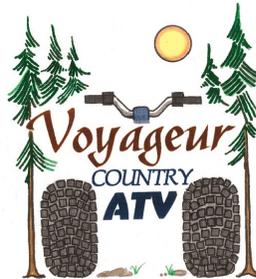
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“Ride Hard. Don’t Leave a Mark.”

Club Expansion is Moving North!

Voyageur Country ATV elected five additional board members at our annual meeting in May. Mark Anderson was elected as new president and Brad Sokoloski remained on as board member. The five additional seats on the board went to representatives from Ray and International Falls. Our club is pleased to be growing north and we are excited about planning trail expansion into Ash River, Kabetogama, Ray, Ericsburg, Littlefork and International Falls.

On June 9, Boondocks (in Ray) hosted our monthly meeting and the house was full. We heard from Mike the mayor of Littlefork, Nathan from Kooch county, Allyz from S.E.H, Ron from ATV MN, and Rob Ecklund our state rep (among others). Pictured here is St Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald addressing the group about progress made in collaborating between St Louis, Kooch, and Lake counties. These counties will be more effective working together, so a Joint Powers Board is being formed to take the beurocracy burden away from the club and increase the potential for funding of trail expansion planning and projects. Planning is what we need to focus on now, and we need your input as club members! Phase 1 of our master plan is complete and Phase 2 is set to include connections north. We need ideas for loops and trails from the Kab store to Ray and beyond looking ahead about 5 years as best we can. If you live or play in that direction, please get in touch with one of these new board members. They are looking for insights and comments on setting priorities for Phase 2, trail expansion north. Thanks to all who attended this inspirational meeting and welcome to the board: Steve Riggs, Gene Wallender, Tom Dougherty, Scott Birnie and Kurt Kennedy.



Upcoming Events

- Club meeting
August 11th, 6:30
Myrtle Lake Resort
- September 8th
club meeting 6:30
pm, Voyageire
Lodge Crane Lake
- Ride and Rally 2021
in Ely/Babbitt
September 17-18
- Fall Club Ride Satur-
day October 9th.
Road cleanup then
Sunday the 10th
- October 13th, 6:30
monthly meeting
Melgeorges in Orr

Karma? Congrats to
Gracie, July 4th winner



Thanks to the Koch family for recent trail repairs and installation of the new kiosk at the Pelican River Overlook! Another kiosk is going up at the Vermilion River Bridge to display our “Wall of Fame” recognizing generous Club donors.



Club News:

Website help

Voyageur Country ATV is still looking for help with a website. Do you have a little free time to help with this? The Club can cover costs but we need someone willing to set up the site and keep it updated with newsletters, maps and membership details

Wall of Fame!

Last newsletter you received an application to be included on a plaque going up at 2 of our new destination sites. We are putting up kiosks at the Pelican River Overlook and the Vermilion River Bridge to display these plaques. Response from the last newsletter was great! We have 29 plaques already ordered! THANK YOU If you are interested in more details, email Beth Bak at info@pineridgemotel.com.

Myrtle Lake Shelter Work

Our club is working with the DNR and the USFS to improve the trails and ATV parking near the Myrtle Lake Shelter on the Arrowhead Trail. The DNR is replacing the shelter and the USFS is providing culverts. Our Club is doing much of the trail work thanks to funding from the IRRR. Another project we are pleased to be working on with these different agencies.

Ride and Rally 2021

Our friends from the Ely Prospectors Club are hosting this years fall ATV MN event. Registration is open and seating is limited so they encourage you to sign up now! Main events are Sept 17 & 18th including rides of course, a silent auction, pancake breakfasts, and a NEW event the "ATV Big Air Tour Show" in Babbitt.



Spring Ride Success, **Thank you** Donors!

Lunch Food Donations:

Echo Trail Tavern – VRT – Trails End – Melgeorge's – Paul's Italian Meats – Five Seasons Sport Center – Anderson Outfitters & Pine Ridge Motel

Raffle Donations:

Sportsman's Guide – Guide Gear 60QT Cooler
Ryan's Rustic Railings – Cedar Swing

Volunteer Helpers:

Mike McClain, Thera Anderson, Brandon Anderson, Andrew Anderson, Ed & Donna Thornton, Ty Shuck, Samantha & Sabrina Franke, David Tufte, Joel & Nancy Christoff, Mike Koski, Jim Janssen, Brian & Jeanne Sorensen, Mark & Lisa Anderson, Trent & Beth Bak

At the Spring Ride, the Club raised over \$10K thanks to your hard work and generosity! Raffles were a hit and everyone loves our rides and a "Picnic Lunch in the Woods".

We are planning our Club Fall Ride **Saturday October 9th...**
Mark your calendars now!
More Details Coming!

2021 State Bonding

Thanks to Gary and Jeff and our local legislators, we have good news from St. Paul. From the ATV dedicated account, we are set to receive \$950K to put towards our next 6 planned trail projects.

Its Time to Renew Your Membership!

If you have a renewal form in with this newsletter, it means your membership is expiring. Please send in your club dues asap! If you do not have a form, you are current. Don't be surprised if next year's renewal is handled at the state level. ATV MN is working on a program to streamline and simplify club memberships state-wide.

Thanks to Club participants in the Cook Timber Days Parade! Next year the plan is to meet & go for a ride before jumping in the parade!

