



HODAG 4-WHEELERS

ATV-UTV CLUB

RHINELANDER, WI

www.hodag4wheelersatvutvclub.com

JULY 2025



Members on a previous ride...
RIDE ON!!!

WELCOME NEW **MEMBERS**

No new members to report

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CLUB MEETING:
2nd Tuesday ea. month
(Excluding January
through March)

August 12th at 6 PM
Fireside Supper Club
(Lower level)
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Reg & Karen Videgar
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*Please contact appropriate chairperson if you are interested in
joining that committee

President's Report

More logging along our trail is slated to start soon. Aspen will be cleared near the southeast end of the Bowman Road parking lot. The operation is expected to only last a couple of weeks. Piles of logs may be stacked for the short term near the east end of the parking lot.

We are entering the planning phase for the printing of a new trail map. We would appreciate constructive feedback regarding our existing map in terms of usefulness and detail. What improvements can be made? Please send us your comments or voice them at our next meeting.

Our 2nd Highway K Clean-up is Saturday, August 9th. Start is at 10:00 AM at the Woodpecker. John Knudsen is our point of contact for this community service event. Thank you volunteers.

Community Impact Night at the Pizza Ranch is August 11, from 4-8pm. Several of our club members have volunteered to help the Pizza Ranch crew with some critical tasks. Please help spread the word and consider a visit to the Ranch for a delicious buffet meal. Pizza Ranch donates all tips and a percentage of the proceeds to our club.

I hope to see you at our next club meeting, August 12th. Please consider patronizing The Fireside by grabbing a refreshment at the bar before we start the meeting or afterwards.

Reg

Trail Kiosks

There are five kiosks along our trail system plus a bulletin board at the shelter. The kiosks are used to display our trail map, the Oneida County Trail Ordinance, emergency contact info and pertinent club information. A few of the kiosks need repair. Inside plywood panels have portions chewed away by critters and the plastic sheeting protecting the posted material are cracked. The bulletin board at the shelter does not have any weather protection at all, but needs it.

We are in search of club member volunteers to address the kiosk repairs. Material required for the repairs will be purchased by the club. If you have carpentry skills and can help us out, please let us know. This is not currently an urgent matter with a timetable.



Lodging Update - Overnight Ride - September 19-21

We will be exploring Iron County, Wisconsin, for the Overnight Ride in September. Lodging is available at the Great Northern Hotel in Mercer. 20 rooms were reserved for Hodag 4-Wheeler club members, with check-in on September 19 and checkout on the 21st. If you still have not made your reservation, you may want to do so before all rooms are claimed. Otherwise, there are other options available nearby for lodging.

Other Upcoming Events

- Hwy K Clean-up, August 9, 10:00 at the Woodpecker.
- Community Impact Night - Pizza Ranch, August 11, 4-8 PM
- Free Michigan UP Weekend, August 16-17
- Chili Feed, September 6
- Hwy K Clean-up, September 13, 10:00 at the Woodpecker.

Follow our website and our Facebook page for more of our upcoming events.

The following is our Club Meeting Minutes, for your convenience:

Hodag 4-Wheelers ATV / UTV Club Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Fireside Supper Club, Rhinelander – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Sergeant at Arms

2. Attendance

3. Presentation of new members

- Three family memberships and one Association Sponsor in June.

4. Secretary Report – see website for last meeting minutes

5. Treasurer Report – Sue

- Income and expenses were discussed and approved as reported.

6. President Report – Reg

• Forestry contract is complete as of 6/30. New contract started 7/1/2025. We need to take better care of our club property no matter what it is. There was an issue with the grill tipping over in the trailer after the Senior Ride as it was not secured properly. Going forward the gas cylinder needs to be secured. Roger made a bracket for the side of the trailer so the grill can be strapped down - thanks. If you hook up to a club trailer you are responsible for the load, so please check to be sure it's safe.

7. Unfinished Club Business

- NATH Ride – no new news to report.
- Oneida County ATV Club boundary proposed changes – club is asked to absorb areas once assumed by Pine Lake ATV Club and Crescent ATV Club. No new news to report.
 - Next council meeting is in September. We need to get more facts about this before we can decide on what we want to do.

8. Reports of Committees

- Grant Application / Status

- One open grant yet - \$1,000 from Rhinelander Community Foundation received. We have a year to spend the grant.

- Trail Maintenance – Scott

- The County did a trail inspection at the end of June, all was good. There are a few places where we need to get the corners down.

- In January we got a quote for a brush cutter to trim the sides of the trails – current quote is \$2895. Current lead time is eight weeks.

- **Motion by Karen, seconded by Brad to order and spend no more than \$2,000 to cover the balance of the cost of the brush cutter. Motion carried.**

- Scott talked to Lincoln County - signage on Hwy. 17 is \$90/each for sign (48" x 36") plus \$250/each to put up = \$680.

- **Motion by Brad, seconded by Archie to put the sign project on hold until August meeting. Motion carried.**

- Some repairs are needed on the map kiosks on the trails. We need someone with carpentry skills. Please contact Reg if you can help with this.

- Membership – Karen

- Total memberships of 62 YTD. Thirteen new members this year and five new Associate Sponsors.

- Friendship House in Eagle River is the new Associate Sponsor.

- Website / Facebook / Newsletter

- The Chamber would like 2-5 people to be at the trailhead on Thursday, July 24th from noon to 1 to do a shoot for a publication. Brad, John, & Lee will help. Christi will take some new photos for the club use in the new map this fall. **UPDATE:** * Shoot for publication is postponed until August 7—meet at Bowman Road at noon.

- Maps & Map Sales – Nancy

- 38 boxes are spread throughout the county. 3,000 maps were purchased, and we only have a couple boxes of maps left. This was a good fundraiser for the club. Map sponsor fees covered the cost, with map sales being all profit. At the August meeting we will ask for volunteers for the Map Committee.

- **Karen made a motion that we continue with new map development with new maps in 2026. Christi 2nd this. Motion carried.**

- Merchandise – Archie / Sue

- A rack will be built in the trailer to hold the merchandise when it is used at an event.

- Club Rides

- 3rd Wednesday of the Month Ride – July 16

- Eagle River to Land O Lakes – meet in Eagle River, parking at Fern Ridge and be ready to ride at 10AM.

- August 13 & 14 – Ride to Ontonagon. Not a club event, but if you'd like to go Steve is putting together an overnight ride for ten machines, seven slots are already booked. Overnight at the Casino in Watersmeet Wednesday night with tour of a private copper mine on Thursday. No restaurants, you need to bring your own food for breakfast and lunch and will also need a Michigan trail pass.

- Overnight Ride – September 19-21

- Block of 20 is reserved, so call and make your reservations.

• Events / Fundraising – see calendar of events on website for updates

- Cash Raffle – status – Reg

□ Tickets at Fisher's, Derrik's, Winding Trails, Nutzee's, Bucketheads, Twin Pines, Dinky Diner, Last Cast and Ken's Country Bar.

- Trailside Cookout & Scavenger Hunt – June 21 – weather was bad, and attendance was very poor. No one participated in the scavenger hunt, which was disappointing.

- Fun for Seniors Ride – June 25th – Nice event, all had fun. They would like another ride in the fall.

- Highway Cleanup – first one went well. Upcoming dates are August 9, September 13, and October 18. Meet at Woodpecker parking lot at 10AM.

- 4th of July Parade – 14 machines plus the trailer and Wheeler.

- Community Impact Night – Pizza Ranch – Monday, August 11

- Free UP Weekend – August 16-17

- Chili Feed & Night Ride – September 6

- Dairy Queen Share Night – September 17

- Culver's Share Night – September 22

- Poker Run – October 11 – need donations & baskets

9. Anything Else / New Business

10. Adjournment

3rd Wednesday Ride – July 16, 2025

About 17 people from our club took an 80-90 mile ride from Fern Ridge in St. Germain to Brew's Pub Inc. in Land O' Lakes on July 16, 2025. It was a good ride!



Trail Work — July 28, 2025

Thank you, John & Roylene Knudsen, Brad Dorn and Larry Yenter, for all of your help with weed whacking the trail!





It's Community Impact Night at the Pizza Ranch and we will be helping to ensure your visit is Hodag magnificent!



275 S Eisenhower Parkway, Rhineland, WI

Pizza Ranch is providing our club an opportunity to earn some \$\$ helping them out with service on **MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH**, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Consider a visit to the ranch for a satisfying delicious buffet meal and help **THE HODAG UTV/ATV CLUB** at the same time. Our proceeds will be used to fund our trail maintenance.



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ATV-UTV CLUB
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NEWS RELEASE: DNR Urges UTV Riders To Buckle Up As Fatal Crashes Climb

07/24/2025



WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 24, 2025

Contact: DNR Office of Communications

DNRPress@wisconsin.gov

DNR Urges UTV Riders To Buckle Up As Fatal Crashes Climb



*UTVs have been involved in the majority of fatal ATV/UTV incidents this year – accounting for 86% of all fatalities. /
Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR*

MADISON, Wis. – As residents and summer visitors alike enjoy Wisconsin's trails and backroads, state officials remind utility terrain vehicle (UTV) riders to focus on safe operation – starting with the simple step of wearing a seatbelt.

So far in 2025, there have been 23 fatal UTV/ATV crashes in Wisconsin. **Only five of those individuals were wearing seatbelts** at the time of the crash. UTVs have also been involved in the majority of fatal ATV/UTV incidents this year – **accounting for 86% of all fatalities.**

"UTVs are designed with key safety features, like roll cages and seatbelts, that are there to protect riders in the event of a crash or rollover," said Lt. Jacob Holsclaw, Wisconsin DNR off-highway vehicle administrator. "But those features can only help if they're used."

Unlike traditional ATVs, UTVs are equipped with seatbelts for all passengers. Proper use of seatbelts significantly reduces the risk of being ejected during a crash, a leading cause of serious injury or death in off-road vehicle accidents. But that's not all – it's the law. In Wisconsin, all UTV passengers are required to wear a seatbelt.

"While these numbers are concerning, they also highlight a clear opportunity for prevention," said Holsclaw. "Wearing a seatbelt is one of the simplest and most effective ways to stay safe while riding."

Officials also remind parents and guardians that Wisconsin law restricts youth UTV use. Operators must be at least 16 to operate a full-size UTV in public areas. ATV/UTV operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, and at least 12 years of age must complete a DNR-approved safety course.

Learn more about ATV/UTV riding in Wisconsin, including how to sign up for a safety class on the [DNR's ATV/UTV webpage](#).

Ever wonder why everyone is waving at you in the trails? They're not waving!

They're using hand signals to let you know how many riders are behind them in their group!



1 rider following



2 riders following



3 riders following



4 riders following



5 or more riders following



Last rider in group



**USE YOUR HEAD,
USE YOUR HANDS!!!!**



Safety TIPS

All-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle riding is a growing sport in Wisconsin. Along with the privilege of enjoying the sport comes the responsibility of making sure you are operating these vehicles safely and responsibly. ATV and UTV operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 who are at least 12 years old for ATV (and at least 16 years old for UTV) must complete an ATV and UTV safety certification course in order to operate on public ATV/UTV trails and areas in Wisconsin. DNR Conservation Wardens recommend all ATV and UTV operators complete a safety course.



ATV / ROV SAFETY TIPS

(All-Terrain
Vehicles)

ATVs



(Recreational
Off-Highway Vehicles)

ROVs



- Always wear a DOT-compliant helmet and other protective gear such as eye protection, boots, gloves, long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
- Never have more passengers than there are seats. Most ATVs are designed for one rider, and ROVs should never have more passengers than there are seat belts.
- Do not drive ATVs or ROVs on paved surfaces. Ride on designated trails and at a safe speed.
- Get hands-on training from a qualified instructor. Visit ATVsafety.org to find a class near you.
- Fasten seat belts and keep all parts of your body inside an ROV. Children should not be passengers in a ROV unless their feet can reach the floor in a sitting position.
- Riders younger than 16 should only drive age-appropriate youth model ATVs, never adult models or ROVs.

WWW.ATVSAFETY.GOV



ATV/UTV Safety Tips for Families

ATV or "All-Terrain Vehicle":

Parents:
Don't just say yes. Learn the risks of ATVs before you allow your child to ride.



ATV REMINDERS!

- **Always** enroll child in ATV safety class (12+ years old)
- **Always** supervise!
- ATVs are **not** toys!
- **Never** let kids drive or ride adult ATVs - check ATV label for age requirements
- **Never** allow more than 1 rider
- **Always** off-road only
- **Follow** the rules and restrictions!

Always wear!



UTV or "Utility-Terrain Vehicle" & also known as a side-by-side:

UTV REMINDERS!

- **All riders** should wear helmets and seatbelts
- Arms and legs need to remain **inside** of the vehicle at all times
- **Always** ride at safe speeds and **obey** speed limits
- Wear same additional protective gear as ATV
- **Teach kids** about rollovers and safety
- **No paved roads** unless legally allowed
- **Follow** the rules and restrictions!

Even though UTVs have more safety features than ATVs, there are things every parent should know...



IMPORTANT!

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ONEIDA COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

5/13/25



2025 Calendar of Events

Trail work
dates to be
advised

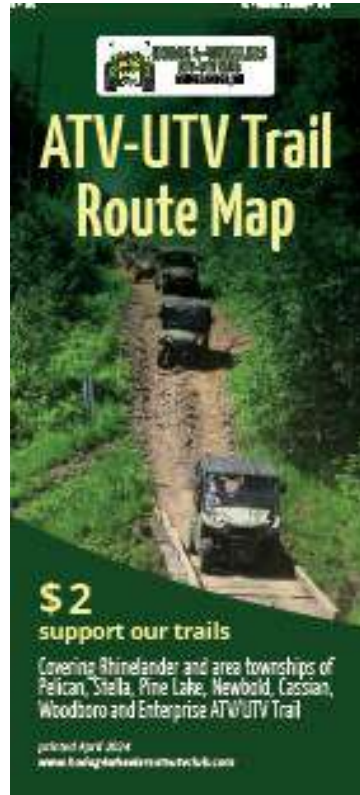
January 20	Meet & Eat – Twin Pines
February 19	Meet & Eat – Jailhouse 6:30 PM
March 15	Meat Raffle Fundraiser – Buckethead's Bar & Grill
March TBA	Meet & Eat – TBA
April 8	Club Meeting – Fireside
April TBA	Meet & Eat – TBA
April 21	Share Night Fundraiser – Pizza Ranch
May 2 – 4	Let's Ride Expo – Oshkosh
May 13	Club Meeting – Fireside
May 22	Scheduled Trail Opening – Oneida County
June 7 & 8	Free Michigan ORV Day
June 10	Club Meeting – Fireside
June 18	3rd Wednesday of the Month Ride – TBA
June 21	Trailside Cookout – Shelter
June 25	Fun for Seniors Ride – ADRC
July 4	Rhinelanders 4th of July Parade
July 8	Club Meeting – Fireside
July 16	3rd Wednesday of the Month Ride – TBA
August 12	Club Meeting – Fireside
August 16 & 17	Free Michigan ORV Day
August 20	3 rd Wednesday of the Month Ride – TBA
September 6	Chili Feed & Night Ride
September 9	Club Meeting – Fireside
September 17	3 rd Wednesday of the Month Ride – TBA
September 17	Share Night Fundraiser – Dairy Queen
September 19-21	Overnight Ride – Iron County, WI
October 11	Poker Run Fundraiser – Fisher's Bar
October 14	Club Meeting – Fireside
October 15	3 rd Wednesday of the Month Ride – TBA
October TBA	Wanderin Wisconsin Halloween Parade
October TBA	YMCA Not-So-Scary Halloween Trail
October TBA	Chili Cook Off Fundraiser – Downtown Rhinelanders
October TBA	Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser – Rhinelanders Area Businesses
October TBA	Share Night Fundraiser – Culvers
November 11	Club Meeting – Fireside
November 19	3 rd Wednesday of the Month Ride – TBA
December 1	Trails Close for the Season – Oneida County
December 9	Club "Annual" Meeting – Fireside
December TBA	Hodag Christmas Party

Trail Maps Available!!!

Covering Rhinelander and area townships of Pelican, Stella, Pine Lake, Newbold, Cassian, Woodboro and Enterprise ATV / UTV Trail

We can mail one to you.

Send \$4.00 check (for Map and Postage) to
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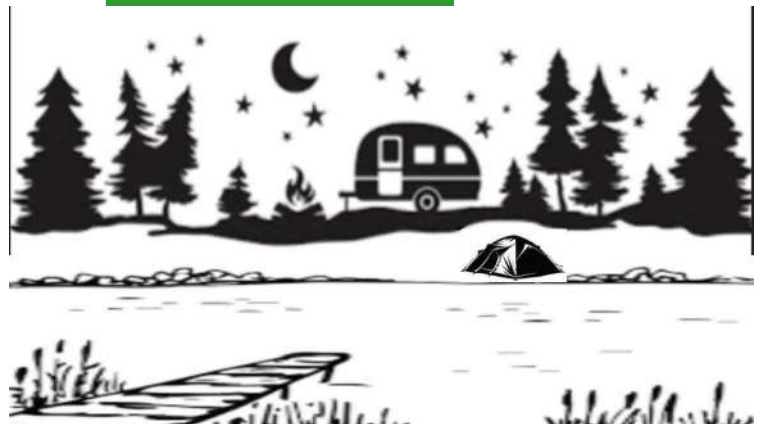
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