

# HODAG 4-WHEELERS

# ATV-UTV CLUB RHINELANDER, WI

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**OCTOBER 2025** 

Thank you to the volunteers (John Knudsen and Scott Grant not pictured) who helped at the Y.M.C.A. Not So Scary Halloween Trail on October 18!



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**CLUB MEETING:** 

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

November 11th at 6 PM Fireside Supper Club (Lower level) 6012 County K Rhinelander, WI

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#### **President's Report**

Many trails have closed or will be closing soon in our surrounding area. Vilas County closed October 31st. Oneida County and Langlade County trails will close on December 1st.

As of this writing, we are still waiting for Lincoln County to erect the new Bowman Road ATV parking signs on highway 17.

There were no questions or comments regarding the proposed changes to the club Bylaws when reviewed during the October meeting. Since then, we received an email from one member with comments and requested edits. Another opportunity to discuss the changes will be provided at the November meeting, followed by a vote to approve and adopt the changes.

Our Seargent-At-Arms tabulated (22) nomination ballots collected at our last meeting and has reached out to each of the nominees for acceptance or deferral. We will repeat the nomination opportunity at the November meeting. We will vote at the annual meeting in December.

Please remember, if you are responsible for map boxes, please ensure they are returned to Roger or Nancy by December 1st.

Scott and his team continue to level the high banked corners of the trails. They also have received and have been using the sickle bar on portions of the trails.

During the October meeting, I commented about each of us having communication radio's during our group rides. I have provided more information about the radio choices later in this newsletter.

We hope you will celebrate the holiday season with us at our Christmas Party on December 6th at The Last Cast Bar & Grill. Details follow in this newsletter. Please make your reservation soon.

I hope to see you at our next club meeting, November 11th. Please consider patronizing The Fireside by grabbing a refreshment at the bar before we start the meeting or afterwards.

Reg

#### 2026 Ride Committee Meeting

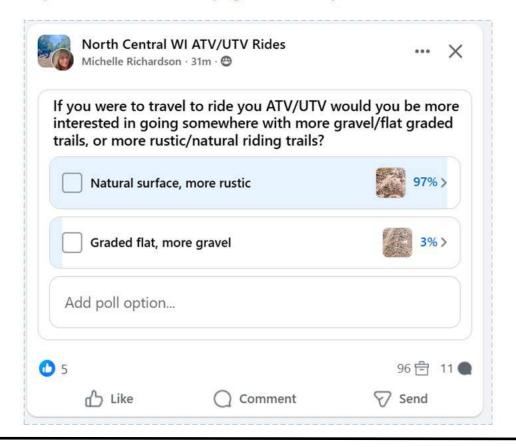
We had some great group rides this season. Our overnight ride to Mercer and the Waterfall and Adventure Mine Tour led by Steve and Cean, included some great site-seeing adventure. Every ride, whether muddy or dusty, provided great comradery we have come to expect and enjoy. Thus, the interest and inspiration for planning rides for next season has begun.

In the attempt to launch this ride planning endeavor, a meeting is <u>tentatively</u> scheduled for January 7, at a time & location to be determined, to share ideas, spread maps out and start the dialog to create ride dates and destinations. If you are interested and have ideas to offer, please sign-up to attend this meeting and to be included on communications.



Poll

Here is a recent poll from a Facebook page. How do you vote?



#### **Communication Radios** - by Reg Videgar

During our October meeting, I discussed communication radios (walkie-talkie's) and how they could facilitate our group rides. It is not unusual to have 10 machines or more in our group rides. As we get going, we can get spread out quite a distance. Often, the ride leader will stop and wait to ensure the entire group is still intact. Radio communication between the leader and the trailer would eliminate that need to stop. Also, the unexpected can happen to any of us when we are out riding. Having the ability to communicate with the riders ahead of you and behind you, brings piece of mind in uncomfortable situations. If we all had radio's, we could communicate if a stop is needed, or warn others if traffic is approaching from ahead or behind. When the group does come to a stop, we will be able to communicate and understand what is going on.

I am definitely not an authority on these radios, but I have done some research and purchased a pair of hand held radios a couple years ago.

Best suited for communication between UTV's on a ride, there are two main types of radios, FRS (Family Radio Service) and GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service). They both transmit and receive through the airspace in the UHF frequency range of 462.5625 to 462.7250, or channels commonly referred to 1 thru 22. So an FRS radio will communicate with another FRS radio or a GMRS radio on channels 1-22; and vice-versa.

There are many brands of FRS and GMRS radios on the marketplace. All are basically the same. FRS radios may be slightly less expensive. They are limited to 2 watts of transmit power and normally have a non-removable antenna. GMRS have a lot more options and most all are HAM radio capable. Because of the HAM capability, you are supposed to have a license to broadcast over the radio. Because I never intend to become a HAM radio operator, I chose not to purchase a license. Now don't go snitching to the radio Nazi's! The hand-held radios are limited to 5 watts of power and many have antenna options that screw into the antenna port. I purchased a pair of Baofeng UV9R GMRS radios for less than \$50. Individually, you can probably find some less than \$30. Mine came with two different antennas, ear pod/mic accessories, and battery chargers. These radios are capable of a lot more than I know how to do. I use them exclusively for communication to other FRS and GMRS radios on channels 1-22. They do have FM, so I could listen to a radio station, and they also have weather alert channels. I chose a GMRS radio because of the 5 watt power rating, even though I was warned the extra power provides only marginal extra communication distance.

Regarding transmit distance, disregard any proclamation advertised on the radio packaging. My radios advertised a 5 mile range. Maybe, when in line of site to the other radio, and on a clear day, I would realize that. But when riding in thick forest territory with winding, hilly trails, I get ¾ mile at best. That is sitting behind the steering wheel inside a metal chassis with the antenna mounted to the radio and the radio in my hand, and wheels turning. This is another advantage for many of us to have radios. As the spread increases to greater than ¾-miles, important communications can be relayed from rider to rider to the leader or to the trailer.

There are other radio types, like Rapid Radio, that use the data portion of cell towers to communicate from radio to radio. The claim is unlimited distance reach. I don't know anything about these, other than there is an annual fee to keep them activated. I don't know if they can communicate to multiple sources at the same time. I am pretty sure they do not communicate to FRS or GMRS radios.

If you are thinking about purchasing a radio, I would also suggest giving some attention to the weather resistance (IP67 minimum) and battery power. There is a lot of information on the internet. If you want to learn more, go to www.notarubicon.com, to be entertained and learn more about FRS and GMRS.

In summary, either an FRS or a GMRS radio will benefit you on future club group rides or any other rides you may go on with another rider. If you choose FRS, verify it has 2 watts of transmit power and that it is pre-programmed for channels 1-22.

#### **Polaris Ride Command** - by Reg Videgar

Polaris Ride Command when purchased with a UTV is an expensive option. However, it is much more than a typical GPS mapping device. Installed in a vehicle, it is a diagnostic center that displays typical dashboard type information like engine temp, engine rpm, vehicle speed, total mileage and engine hours, etc. It also displays other types of info including model and serial number, when service is due and more. It is also a radio tuner for AM & FM channels. It includes Bluetooth connectivity to your cell phone. What I like best though is its mapping side and the Group Ride function.

The Group Ride functionality provides communication between other Ride Command users. When riders enable the group ride function on their device, they will see colored icons of every other logged into the group ride. Each rider can choose a color of choice. The icons represent the live location of the rider. As the ride gets going and riders to start to spread apart from each other, the icons move accordingly. There is also capability to send a text message to a rider and other preset messages like "Help".

On our 3rd Wednesday of the Month ride in October, Brad led the ride, I was the trailer, and there were 10 machines between us. Brad and I have Ride Command in our machines and were logged into the group ride. I could see where Brad was on the tracking map and he could see me. Because I was moving and not that far behind, he could assume the entire group was intact. There was no need to stop, get out, wait and see if we were all accounted for. If I was stopped and the distance between us was growing, Brad could have assumed someone behind him may have had a problem. This happened once on the ride. Brad noticed on his Ride Command screen that the group started to separate. He stopped and waited a while. Soon after, the group started moving again, and everyone eventually caught up. I think someone needed an emergency bathroom break. It's like watching a family of ducks following dad on a hike

There were a couple others on the same ride that were logged into the group ride as well and we could all see each other in progression of the ride. If somebody made a wrong turn, we would see that and would be able to react to it.

There are other mapping software apps available that are very popular, like VV Mapping and The Next Trail. I don't know if they have this group ride ability. Ride Command has a free app that you can download onto your smart phone that has this same group ride ability. You may want to add it to your phone and follow along with those of us that currently have Ride Command on our next ride.



Ripco Credit Union is continuing to sponsor the Kindness for Kids program. You are welcome to bring children blankets or toys to our November or December meeting, and we will get them to Ripco Credit Union for distribution before Christmas

# Come Join Us for the 3rd Wednesday Ride November 19, 2025

This will be a local ride on the Enterprise Trail system. Save the date and plan to ride with us!

#### Second Annual Poker Run — October 11, 2025

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to participate in the second annual Poker Run on this day, which took place at Fisher's Bar in Gleason. It was a successful event and much fun was had by all! The weather was more cooperative than last year!

Also a special thank you to Jeremy and Jen Fisher for allowing us to have this event at their location and for donating the meat for us. You are incredible!

Another special thank you to all individuals, families and businesses who went in search of / donated raffle baskets and prizes. We couldn't have done this without all of your help!





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#### 3rd Wednesday Ride — October 15, 2025

October's 2025, "3rd Wednesday of the Month" Ride is in the books. 23 members and guests in 12 machines set sail in Vilas County for an 85– mile ride, under blue skies and amid some lasting fall forest colors. Ride master Brad (along with Christi) commandeered the group on an awesome ride starting from the Fern Ridge Parking area in St. Germain. The ride started south to the High-line trail in St. Germain, then headed up to Boot Lake Road to catch the Katie Lake Fire Line all the way to the Sayner Pub. Following a great lunch including great service, the adventure continued toward Lake Tomahawk, and then up to Arbor Vitae, traveling in front of Marty's Supper Club, before turning and heading back to our starting point. Ride Command determined the ride having 4 hours & 12 minutes of riding time, 19 mph average speed and covered 157 feet of elevation change. Good ride! Good food! Good friends!



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#### YMCA of the Northwoods

We received the message (on 10/22/25) below:

Good morning to all of you wonderful people! I just want to THANK all of YOU for doing such a knock-out job for this year's event. I feel like I wouldn't be giving you all enough credit if I were to say it was a huge success. However, that is exactly what it was. We were able to entertain and provide a safe trick-or-treating experience to 1,371 community members. I saw tons of smiles and heard so much excitement about awesome and fun sites. The weather was dialed in to perfection-we couldn't have asked for anything more. I don't have the amount of food that was raised for the food pantry just yet. I didn't want to delay in getting this message out. We will post that amount on Facebook when I have that number.

I would like to congratulate Northern Auctions "Adams Family" for winning 1st place in the voting. The "Scientist's Lab" (Blakeslee/Reitz family) won second- place and there was a third-place tie between RIPCO "Zootopia" and the Y's "Minecraft" sites. All sites were awesome though. You all made me so very proud to be part of an amazing and giving community. A special thank you goes out to Sherriff Hartman for allowing us to park in their lot, Brett Aylesworth from the RIA for allowing spectator parking, Nicolet College Criminal Justice students that assisted in parking cars, Hodag Four Wheelers that assisted in getting site props out on the trail, and to many that donated trick-or treat bags (CoVantage Credit Union), candy (Nicolet National Bank) and other trick-or treat items. We for surely could not do this without you. If anyone has any questions, comments, or suggestions that they would like to share, please be sure to reach out. Again, thank you all for your precious time and efforts!! Have a great day.

Laurie Bielen Housekeeping Director YMCA of the Northwoods















## Highway K Cleanup—October 20, 2025

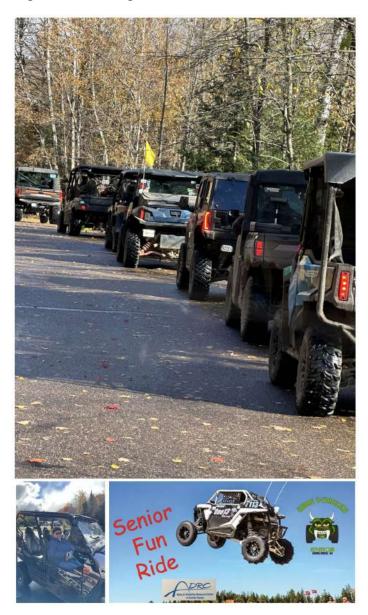
No pictures were taken, but the club thanks all of the volunteers who helped with the final Highway K cleanup of the year!

#### Senior Fun Ride—October 23, 2025

We were honored once again to provide a trail ride for participants from the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Oneida County. Starting the ride with a light mist falling, the weather did not dampen the spirits of our guests as we traveled on the trails within the Oneida County Forest. Our destination was the Winding Trails Grill & Bar in Harrison Hills for lunch.

Thank you to all the participants for taking time to join us. We look forward to seeing you again next season. Thank you to all the club volunteers for providing a seat for our guests.





# Community Impact Night Fundraiser—Pizza Ranch—October 27, 2025





#### CLASSIFIED ADS

If you have something you'd like to sell that is ATV/UTV related, please call or text Christi Dorn at (715) 437-8076 or email christidorn9@gmail.com. Thank you!

# **2022 RZR Pro XP For Sale**

2022 RZR Pro XP \$19,999 OBO (Marked down from \$21,500!)

Details
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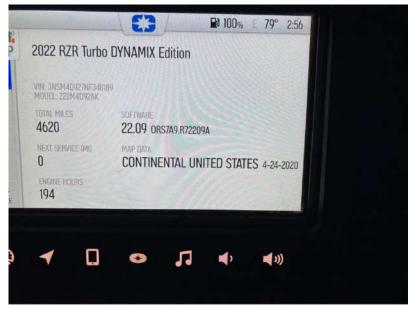


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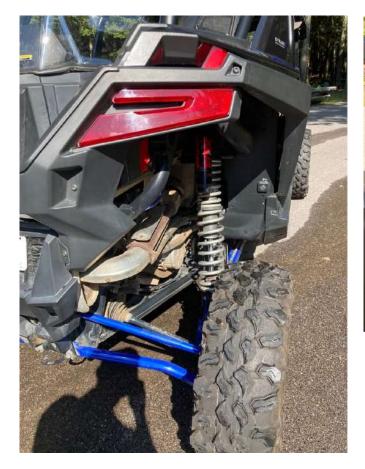






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# You're Invited

**What:** Hodag 4-Wheelers

**Christmas Party** 

**Where:** Last Cast Bar & Grill 8570 Co. H, Eagle River, WI

When: Saturday, December 6, 2025

<u>Time:</u> 3 PM—?

What to Expect: We will start off the night with cocktails and then have a buffet style dinner costing \$17 per plate with tip included. Dinner will consist of baked chicken pieces (breasts and thighs), tenderloin beef tips, chicken and beef gravy, mashed potatoes, a veggie and a dessert. Please RSVP by Saturday, November 22 to Christi Dorn at (715) 437-8076 or email christidorn9@gmail.com.

Thank you!



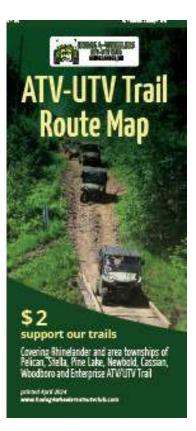


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Covering Rhinelander and area townships of Pelican, Stella, Pine Lake, Newbold, Cassian, Woodboro and Enterprise ATV / UTV Trail

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