

Hodag 4-Wheelers ATV / UTV Club
Tuesday, September 8, 2026, Club Meeting MINUTES
Fireside Supper Club, Rhinelander – 6:00 PM

- **Call to Order** – *Sergeant at Arms*
- **Attendance**
- **Presentation of new members** - Tim & Michelle - Welcome
- **President Report**
 - Upcoming OCAUC Meeting – Monday, September 14th. - 9:00 AM Committee Room 2 – 2nd floor - **ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**
 - 7-County Meeting – Tuesday, September 15th – 10:00 AM – Mountain, WI (Langlade, Forest, Oconto, Vilas, Oneida, Marinette, Menominee)
- **Secretary Report** – *see website for last meeting minutes*
- **Treasurer Report** - *Sue Dartsch*

Discussion: Receipts and expenses were accepted as reported.
- **Unfinished Club Business**
 - Safety training – What clubs in Oneida County offer safety training?
 - Christmas Party

Discussion: Lakeland Club offers safety training; we are not aware of any other clubs that offer it. Oneida County offers safety training – check out their website for information. YTD 33 deaths have been reported from UTV/ATV accidents in Wisconsin. Both our Mission and Vision Statements mention safety, is there something we can do about it? Safety and image are tied together, some riders do not follow proper safety rules. Deb Busco did some research on safety training. She spoke with Katie at the DNR office in Rhinelander. In order to hold a safety class you need two instructors, class would be six hours, she would like machines there for display purposes only. Cost is \$40 for online and \$10 in person. \$5 goes to DNR and \$5 to the Club or whoever holds the class. She was very interested in getting 4-6 people to train as instructors (3-4 hours for training). The DNR supplies everything you would need to hold the class. She was very happy that Deb reached out. If we want to start something for an early spring training we need to get working on it very soon. It would be good to have the training before the trails open in May of 2027. How do we help to lower the accident rate, how do we react to drivers that are behaving unsafe, what is our message? Contact Reg if you are interested.

Christmas Party – Will be held on Saturday, December 5th with 5PM start at Fireside. Buffet style, salads, mash potatoes, dressing, chicken and beef, etc. \$25/per person. Sue will collect the money ahead of time. RSVP to her.

Do we want to do Kindness for Kids or something else this year? Bruce will talk to Ripco. Depending on that response, Stacie will talk with someone from Shop With A Cop.

- **Reports of Committees**
 - Trails

Discussion: Logging is going on right now. Should be done in a couple of weeks. Rain we just recently had is good so we will be able to drag the trails better. Gravel will be set up for some time later this month.

➤ Membership

- ***Should membership fees stay same or be increased for next season?***

Discussion: Current memberships are \$15 for single and \$25 per family. Most comments were to keep cost the same.

- Welcome new members in August – Robert Nelson & Calvin Siegrist

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Single Memberships:	17	11	65
Family Memberships:	61	61	4
Total Memberships:	78	72	69

Associate Sponsors:	9	9	10
Lifetime Associate Sponsors:	5	4	4
Map Ad Sponsors:	50	47	47
Total Sponsors:	64	60	61

New Memberships:	23	22	21
New Sponsors:	5	6	5

➤ Social Media – (Website / Facebook / Instagram / Newsletter / You Tube / Other Publicity)

➤ Maps & Map Sales – maps continue to sell

➤ Club Rides

- September 11-13 – Overnight Ride – Keweenaw Peninsula
- September 16 - 3rd Wednesday Ride – Price County
 - *Plan to trailer your rig to a parking area near Prairie Rapids Tavern, north of Lake Nokomis. From Hwy 8, in Heafford Junction, take County Road L north 3.5 miles to Prairie Rapids Road. Turn left and go west about 1.5 miles to Peaceful Lane. Turn right and the parking lot will be on the east side of Peaceful Lane, across from the cemetery. Watch for signs. The official address is 2546 Peaceful Lane, Tomahawk. **Plan to arrive to the parking lot by 9:00 AM so we can start our ride at 9:30 AM.***
 - *Bring a lunch, snacks and drinks to enjoy while stopped somewhere along the trail. Plan a return to the parking lot by 4:00 PM.*
- September 26 - Trek the Mighty Mac
 - Determine meeting location and time to stage as group.
 - *Approx. 5-hour drive from Rhinelander and time change*
 - *Friday: 11 am – 7 pm is machine drop off and packet pickup. NO Exceptions!*

- *Friday: 6 pm – 9 pm is a Meet N Greet at Little Bear Arena, live music, drink voucher, raffles and other fun activities. Food truck.*
- *Going: (11) Steve & Cean; Archie & Sue; Brad & Christi; Roger & Nancy; Scott; Reg & Karen*
- October 21 - 3rd Wednesday Ride – Destination **TBD**

➤ Event Planning

- Cash Raffle Fundraiser
 - Currently, sold 423 of our 500 tickets (85%). Profit status is \$5,770. (Breakeven is \$2,690).
- Highway K Clean-up – *August 27*
- Senior Ride #2 – *September 30 – we have enough drivers for 21 passengers; we have 25 signed up. Sue will reach out to some other clubs. Leave Bowman Road at 10AM – go to Parrish Highlander Club Shelter for a hotdog lunch on the fire with sides and smores. John will lead the group. Trial run ride this Thursday at 9:30 AM, meet at Bowman Road.*
- Harrison Hills / Hodag 4-Wheelers Fall Ride – *October 3*
- Hodag 4-Wheelers Poker Run – *October 10*
- **Discussion:** The Club is looking for some donation items, please reach out to the committee if you have anything to donate. A couple more spots are open for volunteers the day of the event too.
- YMCA Not So Scary Halloween Trail – *October 17-* John will lead this event along with others. 10AM start at the Y. We help others with set up with our machines and trailers.
- Annual Meeting / Election of Officers – *December 8*
 - Re-elect or elect a Vice-President, Secretary, Seargent-at-Arms, Trail Boss & (1) Director. Nominations will be taken at the next meeting. Vice-President and Seargent-at-Arms will not run. Secretary would like other nominations as well. Scott will continue as Trail Boss. Director position is unknown at this time.
- Christmas Party – Saturday, December 5th – see above

- **Anything Else / New Business**

- Next year will be 25 years since our club was formed. ***Let's start thinking about how we can celebrate this.***

- **Adjournment**