HODAG 4-WHEELERS
ATV-UTV CLUB
RHINELANDER, WI

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OCTOBER 2026



Hodag 4-Wheelers Poker Run Fundraiser on Saturday, October 10 was a fun, sunny, successful, friendly day. Big Thanks to Fishers Bar and Grill for hosting our event, and to all the poker run participants and the hundreds of riders from around the state and out of state. It was a great day!

Welcome New Members!

No new members to report

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CLUB MEETING:

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

November 10th at 6 PM
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Reg & Karen Videgar
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*Please contact appropriate chairperson if you are interested in joining that committee

From the President

Hello members.

Thank you to our 28 members who attended our October club meeting. Your attendance and engagement is very much appreciated.

The Harrison Hills Fall Ride, October 3rd, which our club co-hosted was a very successful event on a chilly and wet day. We were able to generate $1,000 donations to each of our three, appreciative, emergency first responders; the Town of Russell FD, Pelican Lake FD and the Town of Crescent FD. Thank you to our member volunteers who helped our Harrison Hills friends with this event. Good job!

Our Poker Run event, October 10th, was outstanding as well. Over 100 participants visited many sponsor stops and entered the Poker contest. 50/50 raffles were well received, and many awesome raffle baskets were bid on and won. We appreciate all our members who planned and worked this event from start to finish, including acquiring raffle prizes, advertising the event, hauling supplies to/from the shop, setting up, tearing down, selling tickets, dealing cards, grilling brats & flipping burgers, and more. Good job everyone and thank you! And thank you to Fishers Bar for their

generosity and for hosting our event.

The YMCA had another great Not-So-Scary Halloween Trail event on October 17th. We received this note from YMCA's Laurie Bielen: "Good morning. I want to thank you again for the assistance in getting supplies and gear out to the trail sites. It works out so well and I know all of our sponsors really appreciate the help. You are all Lifesavers". Thank you members who volunteered and helped in this great community event.

If you are a member of WATVA and receive their "What's Happening ATV/UTV Wisconsin" monthly newsletter, our club was featured in the October issue Club Spotlight. A "pdf" of the Spotlight section is attached to this newsletter.

We will have a private nomination process at the November meeting for election of officers. Job descriptions for each officer position follows in this newsletter. You may nominate a member for a position by writing the nominee's name and office position on a slip of paper that you will deposit in a container. When nominating a member, please consider the candidates qualifications to perform the duties of the office and have confidence the member will accept the nomination. The elections will be by private ballot during our December Annual Meeting.

You received a draft copy 2027 club event planning calendar with this newsletter. We will be looking for some input from you in regard to dates and maybe more planned events and rides.

The door to our riding season is closing quickly! The chain goes up on our trail gates December 2 at 8:00 AM.

I hope to see you at our club meeting on November 10th. As always, please consider patronizing The Fireside by grabbing a refreshment at the bar before we start the meeting or by joining some of your fellow members at the bar afterwards.

If we miss you at the meeting, have a great Thanksgiving holiday. Be safe hunters!

Reg

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The current terms of the Vice-President, Secretary, Seargent-at-arms, Trail Boss and (1) Director will expire at the end of the year. Nominations for these office positions are now being accepted. The duties of each officer is as follows:

- **Vice-President** - If the President is absent or unable to act, the Vice President will take over the duties of the President. (The incumbent is Brad who declines re-election).

- **Secretary** - The Secretary shall attend all executive, general membership and any special meetings and take accurate minutes of the proceedings, preserving an electronic copy (Microsoft Word) for future reference. (The incumbent is Linda who welcomes a successor).

- **Sergeant-At-Arms** - The Sergeant-At-Arms shall keep peace, maintain order, and enforce time during the meetings. He/she will distribute, collect, and count ballots at elections and interpret by-laws. (The incumbent is Archie who declines re-election).

- **Trail Boss** – The Trail Boss is a volunteer leadership position, primarily responsible for compliance to our annual Trail Maintenance Contract with the Oneida County Forestry Department. This includes the logging and timely submittance of trail maintenance work & expenses to the Forestry Department. The Trail Boss organizes volunteer maintenance crews and oversees all physical trail work, ensuring focus on volunteer safety. The Trail Boss is responsible for the safe storage & maintenance of club-owned equipment, including tools and machinery, used for the trail maintenance program. The Trail Boss is responsible for the interior and exterior maintenance of our shared storage building in cooperation with the MuddNutz. The Trail Boss will report at the executive and general membership meetings to keep members informed about the status of the trails and making recommendations for their improvement and safety. (The incumbent is Scott).

- **Director** (one of three) – The Directors shall deliberate with other Executive Committee members to set the organization’s mission, strategy, and goals to ensure compliance with legal and ethical standards while maintaining the club's best interests. (The incumbent is Ben).

- **NOTE** - All the above officers are voting members of the Executive Committee who meet as required. Each officer must be able to receive and respond timely to email, including review of .pdf file documents.

CLUB SAFETY INITIATIVE *by Reg Videgar*

As of November 1st, (42) ATV-UTV related fatalities have occurred this year in Wisconsin, including one on our own trail system back in May. A sign-up sheet was passed around at our October meeting, to query members who want to become involved and help our sport address the accident rates. We need more participation, so the sheet will be passed around again at the November meeting.

Here is some insight: (21) of the fatalities were age 60 or older and only (1) was safety certified. (25) were in UTV's and only (3) of those operators wore a seat belt. (0) were wearing a helmet. There were (26) accidents on public roadways, (9) on private land, (5) on ice, and (2) on public trails. (35) were male. (6) were passengers. (1) was a pedestrian and (1) was riding a motorcycle. It is an interesting study. I personally am frustrated by reading about fatalities as headlines on the news, without pertinent facts and emphasizing if they were wearing helmets and seatbelts. Most of the victims were not "crazies", dis-respecting our sport. Please join club members in an undertaking to learn more about the accident facts. And together from that, perhaps we can suggest ideas to best educate the public on how to mitigate accident chances.

Please consider becoming a Volunteer WDNR ATV-UTV Safety Instructor. There is no cost for this training, and you will be able to train and certify other club members and the interested public. The steps to become a safety instructor are:

1. Find your DNR customer ID number. If you have registered an ATV, UTV, boat, etc., you already have a number. Call DNR customer service (888-936-7463) if you cannot find your number or to attain a number.

2. Complete and submit an "Apprenticeship Application for Volunteer Safety Instructors", DNR form #8500-161. (You will need your customer ID). The completed and signed form can be mailed or scanned and emailed to:

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3. Register for instructor training. There is an online opportunity on December 15, 2026, from 6-9:00 PM. Or, if we can gather at least (5) volunteers to be trained, we can schedule an in-person class. Completing this 3-hours of training will certify you to become an instructor so you/your club can offer in person ATV safety classes to members of the community.

We will discuss this more at our November 10th meeting. I have no timeline yet for this, so December 15 is not mandatory. Ideally, we will have enough interest to receive in-person training in January or February. If you are interested, but cannot attend our November meeting, contact Reg at 608-322-6910.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE NEWS

NEW MOWER



The club has purchased a used, hydraulic-operated mulcher/flail mower to brush the sides of our trails. The mower, a model Giraffa S, is 3-years old and in exceptional condition. This, in addition with our sickle bar, will minimize the amount we will need to string trim along the trail.

TRAIL RESURFACING

On October 27th, 8 truck-loads (approximately 120 yards) of ¾-inch gravel was laid down and leveled on a 0.2 mile section of trail In-between intersections 266 and 267. The gravel was delivered and spread by Briggs Excavating in Monico. This section trail surface was quite "thin" and showing fabric in some spots.

TRAIL CULVERT REPLACEMENT

An old "stop light pole" used as a culvert on our trail will be replaced with an 8-inch x 20 foot long, dual-wall solid HDPE culvert drainage pipe. This work, scheduled to be completed Monday, November 9, is contracted to Robert Briggs Excavating. The old culvert traditionally failed to pass water fast enough from the higher elevation to the lower elevation before the trail became immersed in water causing erosion of the trail surface.

Club Historians Needed *by Reg Videgar*

From documents I retrieved from cardboard boxes stored in our shop, our club was officially started on Tuesday, December 17, 2002. It was then called the Oneida County ATV Association founded by Bernie Wanty (now deceased). Other founding members were Vice-President Mitch Miles, Secretary Stephanie Schroeder, Treasurer Cathy Weingarten, and Trail Coordinator Lester Felbab. Except for mostly finance records, there is not much more interesting stuff in the boxes that a new club member could learn about our club history. Much is missing.

I have a start to a PowerPoint presentation that captures some highlights of our 24+ year history as a club. I need your help to complete it (particularly from our more long-standing members). Please search for any related photos, news clippings, or other historical items from 2001 to 2020 you can find in your personal possession and send a copy to me (president@hodag4wheelersatvutvclub.com). Include club events, trail work photos, etc. If you have a particular fond memory of a related event, write it in article form and forward to me for use in the slide show. I already captured the older pertinent photos from our Facebook page.

Please pass the word to past club members who would no longer receive our newsletter.

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!

What's Happening ATV/UTV Wisconsin – October 2026 Recap

Wisconsin ATV / UTV Association – Monthly Update

October 31, 2026

Club Spotlight – October 2026

Hodag 4-Wheelers ATV-UTV Club

Oneida County, Wisconsin



Founded in 2002 and based in Rhinelander, the Hodag 4-Wheelers ATV-UTV Club combines hands-on trail work with an active social calendar. Members maintain more than 12 miles of the Enterprise trail system in the Oneida County Forest and come together for group rides, fundraisers, and community events.

Maintaining Wisconsin's Trails

Club volunteers handle trail inspections, grading, brush trimming, mowing, and storm cleanup through an annual agreement with Oneida County Forestry. In April 2025, the club purchased a 50-horsepower Kubota tractor, allowing members to grade more regularly and address erosion before it becomes severe, all while preserving the rugged riding experience members enjoy.

Giving Back to the Community

The Hodag 4-Wheelers collect roadside litter through Adopt-A-Highway and coordinate trail rides with lunch for seniors through the Oneida County ADRC. Members also participate in Hodag Heritage Festival, the Fourth of July Parade, and the YMCA's "Not So Scary Halloween Trail." This year, the club co-hosted Harrison Hills' annual Fall Ride, with proceeds divided equally among three emergency first responder agencies serving their trail areas.

Working Together

The club maintains strong relationships with neighboring clubs, local towns, the City of Rhinelander, and business sponsors. Membership in WATVA, the Rhinelander Chamber of Commerce, and the Oneida County ATV-UTV Council supports those connections. Local businesses help through sponsorships and fundraisers, while club members support them with group visits throughout the year.

Growing the Club

Helping neighboring clubs become established and working together to open local roads have expanded riding opportunities around Rhinelander. The club builds friendships through regular group rides, including its “3rd Wednesday of the Month Ride.” This year’s adventures included Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and participation in “Trek the Mighty Mack,” which drew 686 machines across the Mackinac Bridge.

Get Involved

Visit the Hodag 4-Wheelers website for membership information, trail maps, and upcoming events. Members receive a monthly newsletter, and meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month, April through December, at 6:00 PM in the lower level of the Fireside Supper Club. Whether helping maintain trails or joining a group ride, there are plenty of ways to contribute and build lasting friendships.

Hodag 4-Wheelers ATV-UTV Club Facebook

Join a club. Get involved. Have fun and ride safe!

Upcoming Club Events (Submitted)

No upcoming club events were submitted for this month's recap. Check individual club websites and Facebook pages for rides, fundraisers, meetings, and other activities that may not be listed here.

THANK YOU!

Our Halloween Event Was a Spooktacular Success!

To our site sponsors, donors, and volunteers:
your generosity, time, and hard work made this event possible. Together, we created a fun and memorable Halloween experience for our community.

1,454	350 lbs.	$222.66
community members made lasting memories	of food collected for the food pantry	in monetary donations for the food pantry

We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you for helping make a difference—and for making this Halloween one to remember.

1st PLACE: RIPCO CREDIT UNION

2nd PLACE: T&M REPAIR

3RD PLACE: CRESCENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.



Color-Rama Ride - Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Twenty-one Hodag 4-Wheelers in a total of 12 machines, under the expert guidance of Brad Dorn, had an excellent ride on October 7 in Vilas County. We rode about 65 miles under mostly sunny skies. The fall colors were a little past peak. Thank you to Taylor's Sayner Pub for a great lunch and service.



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3rd Wednesday Ride - October 21, 2026

Twenty people riding in 12 machines departed from Fern Ridge parking lot at 10 am and rode to Hunter Lake Park. Then we proceeded to Club 45 for lunch. We were there from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm. Thank you to Club 45 for a great lunch and service! We then went back to Hunter Lake Park. We arrived back to Fern Ridge parking lot by 3:50 pm. Thank you to Brad Dorn, for leading this fun ride!







3rd Wednesday Ride - October 21, 2026











This year, we are collecting donations for both "Kindness for Kids" and "Shop with a Cop."

Kindness for Kids:
If you would like to donate, please bring a new toy or blanket for a child (up to age 16) to our November 10 meeting or December 5 Christmas party. If you cannot attend, you may send your donation with another member who will be there.

Shop with a Cop:
We are accepting monetary donations only for this program. Please bring your contribution to the November 10 meeting or December 5 Christmas party or pass it along to an attending member. Checks can be made payable to "Rhinelander Professional Police Association."

Thank you for your support!

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