

2025 Fall Newsletter



To our valued members,

As fall rapidly approaches, which our recent cool weather is reminding us of, some of our best riding will be coming up right around the corner. The beauty of our Northwoods color will soon be abundant and what better way to enjoy it than to take a ride on our many forest roads and trails.

Membership

Our membership currently totals 422, approximately the same as last year. However, machine licensing continues to increase, so by all rights we also should be seeing a continuing growth in our membership numbers.

I am not sure why we are not, unless the new owners do not understand that road use is contingent upon a club sponsoring it. If you do not see a club sticker on their machine it only takes a casual hello, where are you from, do you belong to a club, would you like to join our club, type casual conversation to see if they would be interested in joining our club.

Membership forms are available at most stops where you will find our map boxes.

Trail and Route Status

Hwy Q-Dump Road to Old 26

While our early spring weather certainly did not help in working on this trail, the good news is that trail construction is done, and the trail is now open for your use. An updated map of the PRF Trail System is attached for your reference.

In addition, there is some much-needed brushing north of the trail and east towards highway 45. I am going to reach out to the Hodag Snowmobile Club and see if they can come in and brush it for us as it is a snowmobile trail in winter and they would brush it before their season starts. Hopefully I can get them to come in early and do this for us.

Old 26 road west off Highway 45 and south to the north Dump Road gate is in need of some fill and grading. This is an unmanaged, unmaintained town road so the town does not receive any road use tax money. I reached out to the Conservation Fund and the Town of Schoepke and they all have agreed to work with the club and share in the fill and doing the grading.

However, the Conservation Fund did request a project plan and estimated cost before committing any actual monies or support. I will be working on this in the near future, and we would anticipate doing actual trail work next spring.

Hwy 45/Cemetery Road to McGinnis Road -Town of Schoepke

Work has begun on this trail with the county highway department doing the tree cutting and brushing. We were fortunate that the Department of Transportation approved a width variance for a small segment of the trail which helped make this trail happen.

Over the next couple weeks they will be adding the gravel, doing the grading and putting the black top landing in on Cemetery Road. Once complete, that trail will be open to McGinnis Road and the Yamaha/Romsa trail.

As stated in previous newsletters, this ½ mile trail is a critical connecting point where the 35 MPH Speed Limit ends on Hwy 45 to McGinnis Rd and the Romsa/Yamaha Trail. We are extremely pleased that we will have this completed shortly.

ATV/UTV Access Pelican River Forest-The Conservation Fund/DNR Recreational Easement

This is just a reminder the forest roads are open up to County Highway C in Starks, just east of Rhinelander.

What this means is that the trail from Dump Rd/Old 26 to Leith Rd, across Hwy 8 to Town Rd, to a forest road up to Rasmussen Rd and then to County Hwy C east of Rhinelander is available to use and provides for an alternate route into the Rhinelander area. (See updated map)

These privately owned forest roads and trails are open annually from June 1st to December 1st based on contractual agreements with the DNR and The Conservation Fund.

Just a reminder that a map of the PRF trails is available on our club website <https://pelchomuddnutz.com/>

Enterprise and Hwy 8 Trails

These trails have been maintained throughout the year by a hard-working group of volunteers. My thanks go out to Trail Boss Jeff Herman, and his hard-working crew: Dennis Vanden Huevel, Jeff Johnson, Eddie Miller, Kerry Romsa, Tom Morris, Paul Schmidt, Bruce Dantoin, Stan Zander, Al and Judy Boelter and Tim Wolfram.

If you see them out and about, let them know you appreciate all of their efforts and hard work.

Hwy 45/Musky Mart Trail

We were fortunate that an asphalt company was referred to us by Kerry Romsa and gave us an extremely reasonable bid of \$3000 to put in asphalt landings on Hwy 45 crossing by County Hwy B as well as by the trail where it comes out on Manitowoc Street in Pelican Lake.

While it took some scrambling to obtain the necessary permits from the Department of Transportation, they were very cooperative with me on approving this in advance of a formal permit. My appreciation goes out to Rich Handrick in the department for working with me on this expedited approval so the work could get done at such reasonable cost.

By the time you receive this newsletter, this work should be complete.

Highway 8 Wayside Trail

Unfortunately our request for funding of this trail was not approved at the Off Road Vehicle Council meeting in August. They were short on funds and focused most grants to trail rehabilitation projects, versus new trail development.

We will resubmit the request after the first of the year and hope that additional funding will be available.

Equipment Status

Our Massey Tractor was thoroughly gone over by a certified dealer and after a couple of follow up incidentals we have it now in good working order except for a leak which the dealer will repair when we are done with our fall grading.

Thanks to Dennis Vanden Huevel for taking on the task of watching over the repairs, as well as taking care of the rest of our equipment.

Clothing and Accessories

Just a reminder, you can see all of what the club has on our website and Facebook page.

<https://pelchomuddnutz.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pelchomuddnutz/>

Should you have an interest or any questions regarding our clothing please email MuddnutzMerch@gmail.com

Thanks to Sandy Vanden Heuvel and the excellent job she has done managing our clothing and merchandise.

Fund Raising and Up Coming Events

UTV Raffle

All 350 tickets have been sold for the UTV, with the drawing to be held on October 4th at the Boiling Springs Poker Run.

My appreciation goes out to all of our local member businesses which did an excellent job of promoting the ticket sales as well as for their own personal purchase of tickets to support this first-time fund raiser.

And of course, a huge thank you to all of our members, friends, neighbors and visitors who bought tickets for the raffle and we wish them all good luck on the October 4th drawing.

\$50 50/50 Raffle

There are tickets still available for this raffle that we do with the Parrish Highlanders. They are available at our sponsoring bars and restaurants in the Pelican Lake/Elcho area.

Remember, only 150 tickets are sold, with 10 winners of prize payouts drawn. The drawing will be held on September 20th at Twin Oaks in Post Lake from 3-6 pm.

Meat Raffle

Always a great success, we will be holding another meat raffle at the Roadside Pub on Hwy G in Pelican Lake on September 13th. What a great way to stock up on some really good steaks, pork, seafood and chicken and support your club at the same time. Hope to see you there between 3 and 6pm on Saturday the 13th!

Milwaukee Cordless Skill Saw Raffle

Thanks to Barb and Scott Krueger who donated a Milwaukee Fuel M18 Cordless Circular saw to raffle off. Tickets are \$5.00 each, or 3 for \$10.00 and are available at our local establishments.

The drawing will be held at the Boiling Springs Poker Run on October 4th.

Boiling Springs Poker Run and Club Fund Raiser

October 4th is the date! The annual fall fund raiser in conjunction with Boiling Springs Poker Run. The event will run from 1-7, cards being drawn starting at 3.

The club will be having burgers, pulled pork and more for sale and also is in need of sides and deserts. If you can throw something together with your culinary skills or baking talent it certainly would be appreciated.

We will also be having a 100 square raffle board there, and would like to put some raffle baskets together as well. If you would like to make up a whole basket, or just donate something towards a basket it would be greatly appreciated.

More Thank you's!

We have a couple more thank you's to extend and that is to our hardworking Brat Fry crew of Gail & Bob Haag, Randy & Heather Zeinert Janet & Jim Coe, Scott and Barb Krueger, and Mike Peters. Also, thanks to Tim Wolfgram for helping with the 50/50 and Pam Dantoin for helping with Clothing sales. Thank you for all of your help it is much appreciated.

Closing

It has been another busy year for your club and its Board of Directors. With the development of the new trail options for the north side of the lake, the brat fry's and fund raisers, taking care of the equipment, it takes a lot of time and effort to coordinate and organize these projects.

My appreciation goes out to our Board for all of their hard work as well as all the extra time they put in. Also, lest we forget Sandy Vanden Huevel for managing the clothing and Deb Christian for helping with the membership and mailings.

I hope everyone can get out and get some fall riding in to enjoy the beautiful colors and scenery that our Northwoods has to offer. Just remember, drive safe, obey the speed limits and be respectful and courteous to everyone that we share the roads and trails with.

Lastly, a big thank you goes out in advance to all of you for your continued support and participation in your club,

Gary Dominski
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Welcome to our new members

Matt Adams

Leif and Suzette Erickson

Don and Lola Fuhs

Jesse Newman

Brad Pfeiffer

Peter and Paula Rohde

Scott and Lisa Spencer

J's Rent Right

Don Krauske and Dorene Rossman

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