



To our valued members,

Here is wishing each and every one of you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. We all have in our own special way a lot to be thankful for, but often times the hustle and bustle of life keeps us too busy to reflect on the past year and what it has brought. Let's all take just a minute or two to reflect on the past year and in the spirit of the season, give thanks to our wonderful family and friends whose company we enjoy. May this Thanksgiving be as joyful as you deserve, and the start of a happy holiday season and an even happier new year!

But unfortunately, our season is rapidly coming to a close. I sincerely hope that everyone has had a great summer getting out and riding with family and friends. This fall certainly brought out some really nice weather for us to enjoy and I know that we all are sorry to see our season come to an end so soon.

2024 also saw our membership continue to grow, now well in excess of over 400 members. My thanks to all of you who have chosen to support our club, as well as recommend it to fellow riders and request they join as well.

### **Trail and Route Status**

As a reminder, Oneida County ATV/UTV Trails will formally close on December 2nd. This also applies to Langlade and Lincoln counties as well.

In Oneida county you can still ride on the county highways designated for ATV/UTV use year-round. For the individual towns, as well as adjoining counties, we recommend you check their respective web sites for what their laws are regarding winter riding.

Please keep in mind that in winter the roads can be significantly more dangerous due to ice and slick conditions so please exercise due care if you are out and riding during this period.

Our trails have been kept in great condition throughout the year and the reason for that is the hard work and effort that our club Trail Boss and Vice-President, Jeff Herman, puts forth with the help of club volunteers. If you are out and about and see Jeff around, give him a hi-five and thank you for all the work.

Our ATV/UTV County Trail Coordinator also extends his appreciation "I would just like to say Thank You to you and all of the club members that help out on the trails. Without them we have nothing!"

### **Hwy Q-Dump Road to Old 26**

The setbacks we had regarding this project have been resolved and the County will be securing bids this winter for the necessary work to get this completed. We are hopeful that by soliciting bids over winter, and making a decision on who will do the work, we can get an immediate start on development of this trail as soon as the ground frost is gone in spring.

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

Unfortunately, the financing for this project through a request for a grant from the ORVC that was submitted in April 2024 was not approved in their August meeting due to lack of available funds. We have been told that they have a secondary meeting in December and our county contact is hopeful that monies will be available at that time.

Because 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 reached out to the Department of Transportation to see if they would work with us on the trail specifications to lower the cost. They have agreed to reduce the gravel depth which will help lower the cost of the project and hence the grant request amount.

In addition, due to the safety issue our club will be writing a letter to the Off-Road Vehicle Council emphasizing the importance of approving the funding request due to the critical safety issue.

Hopefully they will see its importance from a safety standpoint and approve the funding, in which case construction would begin in 2025.

Should the funding request not be approved and we still desire to construct a trail any development cost would have to be borne by the club itself and/or through alternative grant funding.

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

While this has been a work in progress for over 10 years, I am pleased to report that the details for long-term access to the property have finally been resolved. We have entered into a 10 Year Right of Entry Agreement between the Club and The Conservation Fund which provides for ATV/UTV Access on currently designated roads, as well as the ability to have access to additional forest roads in the future.

What this means is that the trails east of Hwy 45 are included, plus a 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. This provides for an alternate route into the Rhinelander area.

In addition, it also allows the Club to develop additional dedicated ATV/UTV Trails within the forest proper should we so desire. The establishment of these trails would be the sole responsibility of the club, all financing would be either through the availability of grant money or club fund raising.

### **Equipment Status**

Our club has acquired numerous pieces of equipment to support the club's functions as well as trail maintenance. To date we have a 60HP Massey Furgeson Tractor/Loader, Rhino Hydraulic Grader Blade, Brush Mower Attachments, a 35 HP Kioti Tractor/Loader, 20 foot Aluminum flatbed trailer, a 16 foot enclosed trailer for cookouts and events, and most recently we purchased a 12 foot enclosed trailer for our clothing storage and clothing display at club events. This is in addition to our 3000-watt generator, chain saws and brush cutters and associated small tools and equipment.

It is through our dues and fund raisers that we have been able to acquire this equipment and without your support we would not be able to have what is necessary to keep our trails in the condition they are.

However, as with any equipment, maintenance and repairs are a fact of life. We are fortunate to have someone well versed in equipment be on our board and I would like to extend my appreciation to Dennis Vanden Heuvel

who has undertaken the task of being responsible for managing the equipment, its maintenance and recommending needed repairs.

That said Dennis recommended that our Massey Tractor be thoroughly gone over by a certified dealer. We have taken the tractor in and had its condition evaluated and there have been a number of issues identified that need to be worked on. While tractor repairs are not cheap, we feel that the repairs recommended are appropriate and justified whether we keep the tractor or choose to replace it. Since the tractor usage is less than 100 hours per year, repairs and keeping the tractor appears to be the appropriate fiscally responsible option, especially since a replacement tractor would run in the range of \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Again, my appreciation goes out to Dennis for the time and effort he has put in regarding our equipment. If you see him out and about, let him know you appreciate his efforts as well.

### **Clothing and Accessories**

Just a reminder, we have a fantastic selection of club clothing and merchandise which would make a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer. 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](mailto:MuddnutzMerch@gmail.com)

My thanks go out to Sandy Vanden Heuvel and the excellent job she has done managing our clothing and merchandise.

### **New Map**

Jeff Herman is currently in the process of developing our new maps for the 2025 season. Should you have any ideas or questions please feel free to send them to Jeff via our club email [pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com](mailto:pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com)

### **Fund Raising**

Please do not forget about our Annual Fall Gun Raffle. This has been proven to be a great fund raiser for the club and we appreciate all those who participate and purchase a ticket. Details are at the end of this letter.

Should you desire to purchase a ticket please send your check in to the club with your name, address and phone number and note that it is for the Gun Raffle including your email address. Upon receipt we will complete a raffle ticket for you and email you a copy of it for your records

### **Closing**

It takes a lot of time and effort to keep a club going and without people helping out we would not be as far along as a club as we are.

So, I would like to take a moment to extend my appreciation to all those that have helped the club this past year.

First and foremost is our Board of Directors, providing insight, leadership, and assistance in running the club. The Board consists of:

Jeff Herman	Vice-President
Joy Herman	Treasurer
Pam Kaul	Secretary

Board Members Kerry Romsa, Doug Mueller, Dennis Vanden Heuvel, Jeff Johnson and Paul Schmidt

In addition, special thanks to the Haig Family and Steve's Campground Crew for manning the Brat Fry's, Tim Wolfgram, Bill Dettman, Tim & Wendy Keller, Mike and Cindy Peters, Linda Warpinski, Tome & Mary Allard, Bob & Sue Brautigam, Sue Romsa, Sandy Vanden Heuvel, Bruce & Pam Dantion, Deb Christian for helping out at the Boiling Springs Poker Run.

I would also like to add a thanks to Marge Lex for the web and Facebook updates throughout the year especially this year for Clothing, Membership and Safety.

I am sure I have missed others that have also helped, and I apologize if I have, but your help has been greatly appreciated.

My appreciation is also extended to all our members for your support in joining the club, renewing your memberships, and helping out in any way you can. Remember, drive safe and sober the rest of the year, stay warm over winter, and I look forward to seeing you next year at the annual meeting, on the trail, or bump into you at one of our sponsors.

**Gary Dominski**

**Club President**

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## **Welcome to our new members**

**Todd Johnson**

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