

2022 Fall Newsletter



To our valued members,

Well, today, Sunday the 11th, seemed to be a good day to work on the newsletter. A chilly, mid 50's overcast morning certainly is telling me that fall is around the corner, and it is a lot more comfortable inside than outside. And looking at the calendar, in just a couple of days it will be the first day of fall, the 22nd of September, fall is definitely here.

Membership

I would like to thank everyone who renewed their club membership, as well as welcome all of our new members who have joined. Our final membership count for 2022 is as follows:

Single: 30, Family: 300, Business: 42, Total: 372

This reflects almost a 20% increase from 2021 which is fantastic and a huge big thank you and the club's appreciation for everyone's continued support.

If you would like to renew for 2023 you can find Membership on the club website <https://pelchomuddnutz.com/> as well as on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pelchomuddnutz/>

Trail and Route Status

Trail Closing Dates

With fall around the corner we have some of the best riding weather and scenery coming up. The cool days provide for a very comfortable riding experience, and as the trees begin to change their foliage to their fall colors there comes such a colorful attraction to enjoy.

And depending on our weather, we may very well have two good months of awesome riding ahead of us. But keep in mind that for Oneida County as well as the adjoining counties of Forest, Langlade and Lincoln the typical closing date for trail riding is December 1st, so get out there and enjoy it while you can.

Monico to Forest County Trail

Unfortunately this new trail segment did not get completed as originally planned. The latest update is that work will be started shortly, which appears to be the case as I see culverts have been delivered, and it is expected to be completed this year weather permitting. However, Forest County still needs to complete their segment from Cole Rd (Mays Bar) to the Oneida County line so realistically this will not be a useable trail till early 2023.

Dump Road to Monico

As we continued to work on the use of this road for a trail, we found that the Old 26 segment north of Dump Road actually had a state highway easement. In working with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Town of Schoepke the State DOT agreed to turn this easement over to the Town of Schoepke.

What this means is that now the town has control of how the road can be used and they have agreed to consider it a non-maintained gated road and will make it available for ATV/UTV use. However, before this can be done we need to install 4 culverts, modify the gates and move the north gate to the north end of Old 26 where it turns to the east towards Hwy 45.

We will also need to do brushing, and bull dozing work, as well as some potential gravel. Estimated cost for the above could run as high as \$22500 to \$25000 depending upon how much gravel and dozing work needs to be done.

Due to the anticipated cost we will work with the county to secure a grant from the Off-Road Vehicle Council for the project expense. The grant requests have to be submitted by April of 2023, and the grants if approved are issued in September 2023. So at best should the grant request be approved the project would be acted on in very late 2023 or spring 2024.

Hwy 45

Over the summer there has been considerable activity in what options we have to either use Highway 45 and/or how to cross Hwy 45.

In working closely with the Town of Schoepke as well as the DOT we looked closely at the ramifications of using Hwy 45 for ATV/UTV use. The conclusion of all parties concerned is that due to the traffic volume that Hwy 45 can experience it just is not practical from a safety standpoint to allow ATV/UTV traffic on the highway.

We also revisited the use of the old Railroad ROW as a trail. Unfortunately as the ROW resides on the Hwy 45 Highway ROW the DOT requires a 14-foot minimum trail width. It is not practical to develop the railroad ROW with this requirement due to both the costs involved as well as wetland issues, not to mention the front-end engineering expense and DNR permitting.

Hwy 45 Option

In light of the above, we began to explore alternatives to make it easier to get from the north side of the lake, and eventually from the Monico Trail into Pelican Lake. Fortunately the tract of land on the east side of Hwy 45 from Hwy B north to Hwy 8 has been sold by the Forest Land Group to a new investment group called the Conservation Fund.

Upon hearing of this I reached out to the new owners and have had a number of meetings and conversations with them on the access and use of the roads that run within the property. Much to my delight they are extremely receptive to working with us and allowing use of the forest roads that go from Thompson Road east and southeast to Hwy B, as well as north to Browns Rd where it will cross Hwy 8 and intersect the new trail.

However, to accomplish this we will need to cross Hwy 45 north of Hwy Q, as well as cross Hwy 8 north of Browns Rd. Both of these crossings will require a state approved landing which has to be black topped. Estimated cost for both of these is in the area of \$25000 to \$30000 for both. We will be submitting grant requests to both Yamaha as well as Polaris and hope that we can get some type of contribution from either one or both of them to offset this expense. Should this not be possible, the club will bear the expense of this project ourselves. Time line for this is 2023.

Events and Raffles

Summer \$50 Raffle-Meat Raffle-with Parrish Highlanders Winners

The annual \$50 Ticket raffle was a great success and we appreciate all of you who participated in it. The winners are as follows: Troy Holtzmann, Errol Kalkovin, Jeff Erickston, George Sherry, Bill Arthur, Jen Miller, Pam Kaul and Bill Dettman, Mike and Cindy Peters, Jeff Erickson, Dave Slate and Denny Tesko

100 Square \$10 Mays Board Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Mark Tomchek, Rodney Rothmeyer and David and Jordan Moon

Gun Raffle

The fall gun raffle is back again!

\$20.00 gets you a booklet of 3 tickets to win one of 6 guns as follows: Smith & Wesson SD9 VE, Ruger 10/22 Carbine, Savage Axis .30-06 w/scope, GForce GF5FP 12 or 20 Ga, Winchester Pump Shotgun, Savage Axis .308 w/scope.

If interested please visit one of the Pelican Lake local businesses or send an email to pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com

Boiling Springs Poker Run

Tina and Edgy will be hosting their annual fall Poker Run again and it will be held Saturday, October 1st. Participating stops are as follows and sheets will be available starting the Thursday before.

4 Pole Joe's	RocknDicks-Jenning's	Sunset Veiw-Elcho	Twin Oaks
Koni K's	Tattle Tales	Club House	Bass Lake Golf Course
Thirsty Bear	Billy Timbers	Dave's Roadside	Gerrit's Lake View
Fisher's Hwy 17	The Dock-Deerbrook	Ken's Country Bar	Mole Lake Casino**

****Mole Lake Casino is offering \$10.00 FREE PLAY for everyone who stops and gets their sheet stamped**

Sheets can be picked up at any of the above, money paid at Boiling Springs when you draw your Poker Hand. Minimum 6 stops, 8 stops = extra card. **\$15 per person, 100% payout. Return to Boiling Springs and must be in line by 5:30.**

There will be music by Bobby Vintage from 3 pm to 7pm, 50/50 Raffles, Basket Raffles donated by Tim and Julie Wolfgram and Mike and Cindy Peters and tickets will be available for our annual Gun Raffle.

In addition, Burgers, Brats, Potato Salad and Baked Beans will be available for a minimum \$5.00 donation towards the building fund. Those donating to the building fund receive a chance to win a Mole Lake Weekend Stay and Play package

We are looking for baked goods donations for deserts to go with the burgers and brats, so if you could whip something up and drop it off at Boiling Springs it would be greatly appreciated.

Remember to drive safe, obey the speed limit and be courteous to others on the roads and trails.

Building Fund and Picnic

The much needed building project is coming along, with the foundation poured and the building construction being slated for the end of the month. At this time we anticipate completion early October. Not only our club, but the Hodag Four Wheelers Club we are sharing the building with are anxiously awaiting its completion so we both can finally get our equipment and supplies in one location.

As soon as the building is completed, the clubs would like to sponsor a cookout picnic and club ride through our respective trails. At this time the thought is Brats, Burgers and a Chile Dump to take the fall chill out. Details and dates will need to be finalized so watch your email, facebook and Club Website for more information. < <https://pelchomuddnutz.com/>>

If you would still like to contribute to the BUILDING FUND please mail donations to PO Box 98, Pelican Lake, 54463

Clothing

Don't forget, with the cooler temperatures a nice new sweatshirt or hat would help keep you warm in your fall ride. There is a great selection of clothing at Boiling Springs, as well as displayed at Roadside Pub. With Christmas coming up in a couple of months why not purchase a club hoodie, sweatshirt w/o hood, hats, flags, koozies and T-shirts and show support for your club and promote the Muddnutz for next year.

Closing

It has been an active and busy year for your club and its Board of Directors. With the new building project and the development of the trail options for the north side of the lake, 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 with special thanks to Tim Wolfgram for managing the building project, Jeff Herman for overseeing the trails and clothing and to Pam Kaul and her sister Deb Christian for taking over membership. And don't forget Joy Herman, who I drive nuts asking for financial information.

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 thankyou goes out in advance to all of you for your continued support and participation in your club.

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