

# ***Pel-cho Mudd Nutz ATV/UTV Club***

**June 2018 Newsletter**



***Thanks to all of our fine business supporters for 2018***

**Please patronize these businesses every chance you get!**

**Christians Campground**

**Sammy's Bar and Grill**

**Shabby Shack**

**Musky Mart**

**Enterprise Storage**

**Dettman's Auto**

**Gerrit's Lakeview Inn**

**Chet & Emails Resort LLC**

**Pelican Lake Campground**

**O'neil Logistics LLC**

**Weaver's Campground**

**Country Bar-Hwy G, Rhinelander**

**Lake George Campsite and Bar**

**Fischer's Meat Products**

**Webers Post Lake Inn**

**Elcho Community Pavilion**

**Leonard's Towing**

**Town of Pelican Promotions Committee**

**Pelican Lake Chamber of Commerce**

**Oneida Construction**

**Enterprise Auto Body**

**Twin Oaks Bar-Post Lake**

**Brautigam Enterprises**

**Elcho Shell**

**Welch Enterprises**

**Vern's Antigo**

**CPF Metal Fabricating**

**Fischer's Bar-Hwy 17**

**Roadside Pub**

**4 Pole Joes**

**Elcho Clubhouse**

**Antigo Yamaha**

**Sarah Says-Jennings**

**Quinn's Bar-Neva**

**CoVantage Credit Union**

**Dawn's Lakeside Bar & Resort**

**Lake George Hideaway**

**Boiling Springs Tavern**

**Fishers Resort**

**Clear Lake Inn & Resorts**

**3G's Resort**

**Rocky's Roadhouse**

**Hodag Gun and Loan**

## Membership

The current paid Club Membership stands at 218 members broken down as follows: 31 Businesses, 22 Singles and 162 family members. (We count a family as 2 members). There are 13 businesses that have not paid their 2018 dues yet, 26 families and 10 singles. You know who you are and your fellow club members would appreciate it if you would send in your renewal membership dues as soon as you can. If you are not sure if you are paid or not you can check with Jeff or Joy Herman at 920-621-8001. In addition, Pam from Boiling has volunteered to call those who have not renewed and remind them as well. And don't forget, if you cannot donate your time, any additional donations of cash or prizes for our raffles is certainly well appreciated.

Unfortunately we have heard from some businesses that they are not joining the club or renewing their membership. The excuse they give is that the club does nothing for them, or they get nothing out of it. What surprises me is that you drive past these businesses and you see a half dozen or more ATV's/UTV's there. It is too bad that these owners forgot that without a club sponsoring the local trails and routes there would not be an ATV or UTV there patronizing them. With that said, please first patronize those businesses that have taken the time to support and belong to your club, they deserve first consideration over any other business that is not a member.

## Trail and Route Status

### *Hwy 45 Trail from County B Crossing to Musky Mart Crossing*

Gene recently graded this and it really has helped out, however it does get a lot of traffic so it would be appreciated if everyone slows down, especially on the turn going north off the Hwy 45 crossing

### *New Enterprise Forest Trail*

Work continues to progress on the trail, 2 of the bridges are now installed, 2 are on site ready for installation, and one is still under construction. The Oneida County Forestry Department may be asking us to do additional brushing and clean-up work, as well as help in setting the gate posts in place in concrete footings. Please let us know if you would be available to assist in this regard.

### *North Route to Monico via Dump Road*

No update

### *Rustic Road Work Project*

Awaiting gravel from the town, after which Gene has volunteered his time and tractor to grade the area by Pratt Road. We also will need some brushwork done on the trail, if you can help please contact Jeff Herman or Mike Haupt

### *Hwy 45 thru Pelican Lake*

With a recent change in state law we now have an opportunity to work with the Town of Schoepke to see if they would be in favor of allowing ATV/UTV traffic on Hwy 45 thru town between Highways B and Q. In order to do this though, we would also need to have the Department of Transportation change where the 55 MPH Speed Limits start as you leave the 35 MPH speed limits. We will be discussing this further with the Town of Schoepke at the next town meeting.

In the meantime, DO NOT DRIVE ON HWY 45 in Pelican Lake

### *Lost Lake Road to Cty D and Hummers, New White Lake Bridge*

Rus Cook from the Parrish Highlanders has updated me the following: The trails from Post Lake, WI to L'il Hummers and Augustyn Springs via Lost Lake Rd are now open again but like Rus always has said, "respect the trails you ride on or they may close due to lack of respect". Thanks to the Wolf River riders of Pearson WI, for their diligent effort to get this reopened. Also the new trail from Summit Lake to Augustyn Springs is open and it will take you to White Lake, WI & beyond. Our thanks go out to Rus and the Parrish Highlanders ATV club for their effort in getting this new trail open.

The White Lake club has been working on getting a bridge built across the Wolf River, in the town of Langlade, WI, Township of Wolf River. This winter this bridge was approved by the state for the 2nd time in 8 years. First time it was approved there was a state budget cut in 2012. Now in 2018 it was approved again to be built. Hopefully the bridge will be built to take us across Hwy 55 to join us up with the state trail to UP of Michigan & to the south to Suring, WI and beyond. This bridge will be multi-use, snowmobile in winter season, ATV/UTV in spring & late fall, also open to bikers & hikers thru summer & fall months. Thanks to White Lake ATV/UTV Club & Wisc. ORV council this is in the works for the future of ATVs.

## Maps

The maps are currently at the printer and we hope to have them in about two weeks. We will have to make up map boxes for them and then distribute them to the appropriate business members. Maps will cost \$2.00 each, and they cover to the North up to the Town of Pelican, Hwy P, to the West to the Lincoln County line including the Enterprise Forest Trail System, to the East to Mole Lake and to the South to just south of Summit Lake. Say thanks to Jeff Herman, he coordinated the entire effort with the help of Mike Haupt.

## 9th Annual Fischer's ATV/UTV Rally and Poker Run

We will be having the Fischer's ATV/UTV Rally on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with the Parrish Highlanders Club at Fischer's Bar located at the corner of state Hwy 17 & Langlade Cty Hwy Q. This will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> year being a co-sponsor of this event and it does help to bring in additional funding for the club. Rally date is June 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am to ?? featuring a cash raffle drawing time 6pm, music, food, raffles all day and poker run with 100% payout to the top 5 hands. \$10.00 a sheet for entry. We also still have a few of the \$50 raffle tickets available if you are interested.

Band starts at 6pm, bring the whole family & friends. Let's make the 9th Annual rally our best ever!

If you can help out in any way on that weekend we will be there Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm setting up tables, chairs, etc., then on Saturday from 10am on will need help with the raffles and clothing sales, and we will need a couple people to go around to the bars on the poker run and collect the money after 3:00pm Saturday. If you can do this please contact Gene Dallman.

June 24th cleanup and on Sunday at 9:00am to 11:00 am for teardown and cleanup.

Lastly, if you would like to donate items for the basket raffles it would be greatly appreciated. Please give the items to any club officer.

## Senior Ride

We have established the dates for the Senior Rides that we provide in conjunction with the Oneida County Department on Aging and the Hodag ATV Club. Rides will be held on the following Wednesdays, June 27th, August 8<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have a side by side and would like to participate please let me know at 715-777-5098. We usually meet at my home at noon and then ride to the designated pickup spot, ride with the seniors at 1:00pm and then the club sponsors a meal for them at about 3:00 pm.

## Annual Spring Club Meeting

The club's annual spring meeting was held at the Elcho Clubhouse and we had approximately 65 members attend, and again thanks to Jim and Laurel and excellent serving of chicken ham was had by all. Thanks also goes out to all the great cooks we have in the club, there was a great assortment of excellent salads, sides and deserts enjoyed by all.

At the meeting it was decided to add two additional board members, they being Greg Vercauteren and Tim Wolfgram, with Tim also taking over as club secretary. Your board members, positions and terms are as follows:

<u>One Year Term</u>	<u>Two Year Term</u>	<u>Three Year Term</u>
Wade Novak-Vice President Jim Fedel-Board Member Greg Vercauteren-Board Member	Gene Dallman-President Gary Dominski-Treasurer Jeff Herman-Trail Boss	Steve Rochon-Board Member Tim Wolfgram-Secretary Bob Brautigam-Board Member

Board meetings will be held the third Monday of the month at 11:00am, location to be determined and rotated

## Trailer Update

The club trailer has been ordered and we expect it in about 4-5 weeks, after which we will need to put the club logo on it and the inside shelving. We chose a 16 foot trailer, aluminum sides, two side doors, loading ramp rear door, dual axle.

## Safety

It still continues to amaze the officers of your club how many people do not know the basic hand signals to be used when riding on the trail, or the age and helmet law requirements for riding in or operating an ATV or UTV, or what a speed limit means.

We cannot emphasize enough our commitment to safe, legal, lawful riding and participation in our sport. We all realize the enjoyment we get out of a ride, so let's make it a club commitment to make it as safe as possible.

As a reminder here are the DNR requirements for operating or riding in an ATV or UTV

### **ATV/UTV Age Rule**

*All ATV operators at least age 12 and UTV operators age 16 and born on or after January 1, 1988 must possess a valid ATV safety certificate issued by this state or any other state or province. Operators must be in possession of this certificate while operating in areas open to the public such as trails, routes and frozen waterways and display it to a law enforcement officer upon request. Certified operators may transport other passengers. ATV Safety Institute (ASI) certificates are not valid in Wisconsin.*

*All ATV safety certified operators age 12-15 must also be accompanied by an adult while operating on a designated ATV Route (this means any road used by motor vehicles)*

### **Small UTV Rule**

*Children age 12 – 15 years may operate small UTVs (200 ccs or less) on public, off-road ATV trails only. The child may cross roads at trail crossings, however no operation is allowed on designated ATV Road Routes. The child must be accompanied by a designated adult and possess a valid ATV Safety Certificate.*

### **Helmet Requirements**

*All ATV/UTV operators and passenger under the age of 18 are required to wear a minimum DOT standard ATV or motorcycle helmet. Bicycle helmets do not meet this requirement.*

### **Helmets for Passengers:**

*If circumstances would require you to wear a helmet as the operator then you, as a passenger, must wear a helmet.*

### **Speed Limits and Pavement Regulations**

*The maximum speed limit for ATV's and UTV's on Road Routes is the posted speed limit of the road, however your speed cannot exceed 35 MPH regardless if the road speed limit is greater than 35 MPH. Please obey this basic rule, the easiest way for us to lose our privilege of driving on the road routes is to exceed the speed limit.*

*In addition, at all times you are required to keep your ATV or UTV on the pavement, do not ride on the shoulder of the road. If a vehicle is trying to pass you wait until you can pull over at an intersection or there is a safe passing zone for the vehicle.*

### **Hand Signals**

*There are specific hand signals to use when riding on the trails, they are there for not only your safety, but the safety of your fellow riders who are sharing the same trails. Please familiarize yourself with them and use them when riding, they are on the last page of this newsletter.*

*For specific DNR Regulations please follow this link by Ctrl-Click*

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=3&ved=0ahUKEwjbrN38TbAhXJFpAKHXm6BaUQFggzMAI&url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wi.gov%2Ffiles%2Fpdf%2Fpubs%2Fle%2FLE0500.pdf&usq=AOvVaw33VbFuFTC2BXZmRidH-ExS>

## **New Club Email**

The new email for the club is.....pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com

## **Closing**

We would like to thank all of you for becoming or renewing your membership in the club, and ask that if you see your friend or neighbor using the trails and routes and they are not a member to ask them to join. Remember, without a sponsoring club, these routes and trails would not be open, so it is only fair to have them participate as well. In addition, if you see someone operating irresponsibly or in a reckless manner please notify the appropriate authorities or club officers, not only for your safety, but for theirs as well.

Thank you for being a member, and hope to see you out enjoying the trails

*Gary Dominski*

**Club Treasurer**

**Treasurer\_Pelchoatvclub@yahoo.com**

## Safety and Courtesy

We have noticed, as some of you may have, that some riders do not use the appropriate hand signals. Now we do not know if these are club members or not, but as a courtesy and reminder to our members please refer to the below for the proper hand signals.

**ATV/UTV Hand Signals:** It is important for riders to communicate with each other while their vehicles are moving. Using hand signals while riding will help people around you know what you are doing and where you are going, which ultimately leads to a safer ride.

**Stop**



**Slow Down**



**Left Turn**



**Right Turn**



**Oncoming Traffic**



**Pat Your Helmet**

**ATVs Following**

**Show number of fingers shows number of machines following**

**Closed Fist shows you are last rider**



**Hazard Ahead**



*Extend arm and point in the direction of the hazard (right or left).*