

Pel-cho Mudd Nutz ATV/UTV Club

September 2018 Newsletter



Thanks to all of our fine business members for 2018

Please patronize these businesses every chance you get!

Christians Campground

Sammy's Bar and Grill

Post Lake Repair

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

Oneida Construction

Enterprise Auto Body

Twin Oaks Bar-Post Lake

Brautigam Enterprises

Elcho Shell

4 Pole Joes-Jennings

Vern's Antigo

CPF Metal Fabricating

Fisher's Bar-Hwy 17

Roadside Pub

Dawn's Lakeside Bar & Resort-Lake George

Town of Pelican Promotions Committee

Pelican Lake Chamber of Commerce

Hyer Standards

Boiling Springs Tavern

Fishers Resort

Clear Lake Inn & Resorts

3G's Resort

Rocky's Roadhouse

Hodag Gun and Loan

Fischer's Meat Products

Antigo Yamaha

Elcho Clubhouse

Membership

The current paid Club Membership stands at 290 members broken down as follows: 33 Businesses, 33 Singles and 220 family members. (We count a family as 2 members). Remember that without a club sponsoring the local routes there would not be ATV or UTV access to the trails and your favorite business. 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

New Enterprise Forest Trail

As work continues to progress on this trail there was a snag in the budget, and the county found itself \$51,000 short, which equates to just over 2 miles of trail that still needed to be completed. Fortunately the ORV Council which issued the initial grant for the trail was gracious enough to grant additional funding which now will be sufficient to complete the project. In discussing the status with the Forestry Director, John Bilogan, he stated that he was hoping to complete the project by opening of the 2019 season, however, as we all know, it is fully dependent on our Wisconsin weather.

Our thanks go out to both John and Bob Mott, our county supervisor who is on the Forestry Committee, for all their efforts in getting this project both approved as well as nearing completion

North Route to Monico via Dump Road/Old Hwy 26

After working on this for over two years, we have been able to have a confirmation with the Forest Land Group Senior Director of Forest Operations that he would be willing to work with us on allowing use of their property through a formal easement agreement. This was great news and a sign of significant progress but as he mentioned the "devil is in the details" of such agreement, such as final cost of the easement, who will maintain it, who can use it, their access for forest management, etc.

Considerable work will need to be done to come up with a workable agreement, and then we still have the four wetland areas to contend with as well. In discussing this with the DNR we would have to apply for a General Permit to request doing work on the four wetland areas. The application fee for this permit is \$800. We have a request into the DNR as to what types of crossings would we would have to construct and when we receive a reply we can put a budget together to see if it is even economically feasible for us to continue on this.

If any club member has knowledge of DNR Wetland Permitting processes or Easement Agreements please contact me to discuss further.

Hwy 45 thru Pelican Lake

The Town of Schoepke has submitted the letter to the Wisconsin DOT requesting that they work with the town on either changing the speed limit on the north end of town, extending the 35 MPH zone all the way to Hwy Q, or that they work with us on using the old railroad ROW on the east side of the road. The latter would be preferred as it would keep ATV/UTV traffic off Hwy 45, but it is also the more costly option of the two. Hopefully the DOT will have an answer for the town in the next couple of weeks.

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

Maps

Our maps are currently available at the local businesses or from Jeff Herman. They are \$2.00 each and cover the area between Summit Lake and the Town of Pelican, Rhinelander as well as from the Oneida/Forest County Line to the Enterprise Forest Trail System.

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

We had the annual Fischer's ATV/UTV Rally on Saturday, June 23rd in conjunction with the Parrish Highlanders Club at Fischer's Bar on Hwy 17 and Q and again had a great turnout, as well as a very successful fund raiser for the two clubs. Our thanks go out to all of those who helped out, as well as came and supported the clubs and a great cooperative event with the Highlanders and Jeremy Fisher's Bar.

Trailer Update

The club trailer has been received, it is a 16 foot trailer, aluminum sides, two side doors, loading ramp rear door, dual axle. We have the club graphics on the two sides and rear tailgate and it also has an awning on it as well.

For those interested, we are considering offering sponsorship space on the trailer on each side of our banner for our business members. You would be able to put your business name and location on a decal on either side of the club decal. There would be a one-time buy in cost for the cost of the decal and first year, and then an annual renewal fee. While we do not have exact numbers we are thinking the initial decals would be less than \$150.00, and the annual renewal would be reasonable, but we have not established any firm numbers.

If your business has an interest on a sponsorship ad, or would like to see a picture of the trailer, please contact me to discuss further.

Safe and Responsible Riding

Unfortunately there have been four ATV/UTV deaths in Oneida County this year, last year there were none. What this does is bring the naysayers out that believe that these machines have no business on a road, and casts a pall over an otherwise safe and enjoyable sport. We all know that the use of county and town roads is vital to our sport to gain access to the various trail systems we enjoy.

As a result of a few people potentially spoiling it for the majority, we believe as a club we have a responsibility to take a pro-active role in aggressively promoting and teaching safe and responsible riding. To that end, we will be working with the other clubs in the local TV Channel 12 viewing area to work together to run a series of safe ATV/UTV riding TV ads during the 2019 season. We would hope that we would get 100% participation from these clubs, and many have already committed to working with us on this project. If as a business you would also like to participate please let me know. The intent is that at the end of the ad, credits will run showing the sponsoring ATV/UTV Clubs and any participating businesses. If as a business you have an interest in contributing towards this ad campaign please let me know.

In addition to the above, we will also be creating a simplified Rules/Regulations handout that dealers can give to new machine buyers, providing them the immediate education on helmet, age and speed laws. As many of you know, it takes from 2-4 weeks to receive your stickers and DNR Regulation pamphlet, which by that time many do not read. Our hope is to educate people on the basics as soon as they buy the machine.

Lastly, along the same topic many clubs have what is called a Trail Ambassador/Trail Patrol program.

The Trail Patrol Ambassador program is a group of dedicated and trained volunteers who give their time to patrol our ATV trails. While they are not law enforcement officers however most of work directly with law enforcement agencies.

Some of the tasks included:

Educating the riders on the rules and regulations as well as ethical riding practices.

- Teach Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ATV certification class.
- Patrol the trails while watching for riders in distress or riders who are violating the law.
- Trail clean up.
- Sign posting.
- Have fun!

If you would like more information about the program or are interested in participating please click <http://www.trailpatrol.com/>

Route and Trail Signage

Part of enjoying our sport is knowing where we are and how to get to where we want to go. *Well, maybe not for all of us, some like the excitement of just seeing "where will this take us now".* When riding and if you feel we need to add signage, an arrow, or some informational sign, or you find directional arrows missing please let us know, and we can follow-up on the request.

We are also looking into putting directional signs with mileage to the various towns and locales at the major intersections to help guide people, as well as intersection numbering that would also be shown on our map. Let your board members know your thoughts on this, and assist in giving us some direction.

Adopt-a-Highway Program

Your club feels very strongly about promoting itself thru responsible, community orientated projects, fulfilling a civic responsibility to the community. As many of you know, we do the Senior Rides three times a year, and have contributed to the local fire department, local baseball sponsorship, and currently have a raffle basket circulating for childhood cancer.

We would also like to consider taking on a section of highway under the Adopt-a Highway Program which entails the following responsibility for litter control on approximately a two mile segment of state highway.

The group picks up litter on this segment at least three times per year between April 1 and November 1.

- The Adopt-A-Highway program emphasizes safety. It is important to be very careful when working on the roadsides. For more information, [view the Adopt-A-Highway Safety page.](#)
- Groups do not work in dangerous areas like medians, bridges, or steep slopes.

We would be looking for volunteers for this program for 2019, if you have an interest please let the board know.

2019 Brat Fry's

As we look to the future, we see that the trail development along Hwy 45, as well as the Dump Rd/Old 26 trail will involve considerable expense. To raise funds for this we are considering doing monthly brat fry's in 2019, one in June, July and September. However, we cannot depend on the same people to staff and man these events each time. So, we are looking for volunteers who would like to take over running one of the months Brat Fry's. If you have an interest, please let the board know.

Raffle Baskets

Part of raising funds for the club is always the Raffle Basket. But this does not mean it is always for the club. We currently have a raffle basket going around the Pelican Lake bars with all proceeds going to FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER. This basket was created by both your club and the Parrish Highlander club, as well as our supporting local businesses. Please help us help this great cause and help give a poor child a fighting chance against such dreadful disease to have at such a young age. The winner will be drawn during the Boiling Springs Poker Run. We will also be starting up another basket for the Elcho area, so when out and about watch for it and buy your chance and help support this meaningful cause.

Also, watch for our new theme raffle baskets that will be coming out for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Pam and Tammi have some great ideas, and plan to stuff them full of goodies, and the good stuff so you will be sure to enjoy them if you are the lucky winners.

Oh, if you would like to donate something, or have an idea, or would like to help out in some way, please do and let Pam or Tammi know, as they would appreciate any help and donations.

Boiling Springs Poker Run

OK time for some fun, it's time again for the 4th Annual Boiling Springs Poker Run, one of, if not the largest Poker Run ATV/UTV events in the northwoods. So mark the date, October 6th, come rain or shine, rain in the day to keep the dust down, shine later for the party/music and fun. Starting time is 11:00 am, 5:30 return, \$15 per person, 100% payout. Food and door prizes to follow, plus you get me as your Emcee announcer for the event.

You can register at the following club member businesses: ***Boiling Springs, Fisher's in Parrish, Twin Oaks*** as well as other non-member businesses.

The club will be having a 50/50 raffle, as well as basket raffles with all proceeds going back to the club.

News Letter Comments, Feedback, Questions and Volunteering

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

If you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer for any club event or make a donation you can easily let us know by emailing us at the above email address or my address below. We will be happy to respond to any inquiry or suggestion, as well as extend our appreciation for any additional donation or support you can offer.

Also, regarding e-mail, we are trying to limit postage expense for the newsletter, if you can receive it via e-mail but are getting postal mail now ***please let us know to change to your e-mail address to simplify things and minimize cost.***

Closing

As our season is coming close to an end, and remember most trails close December 1st, it has been a pleasure to welcome all our new members and new friends. One of the benefits of being a member of a club is that you have an opportunity to meet so many new people from different areas and backgrounds, enjoying their experiences as they enjoy yours, and we all have fun doing it exchanging our riding stories and tales.

I know that we had some great group rides this past year, some members got new nicknames as a result (you know who you are LOL), but we all rode safe and responsibly enjoying a great sport that allows us to get out and about, enjoying nature and the scenery, regardless of any physical limitations, that is what makes our sport so beneficial for all ages.

We thank each and every one of you for being a member, and hope to see you out enjoying the trails and fall colors as our season comes to a close. Until next year, drive safe, drive sober, drive responsibly, and enjoy your fun with the club.

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