



Spring greetings to all club members,

Well it goes without saying that it certainly has been a memorable winter for us in the north woods, From starting out with wind and cold, and minimal snow to record snowfall amounts I am sure everyone is ready for it to start warming up and melt, but let us hope not too fast. With the amount of snow on the ground, the last thing we need is a fast melt and a lot of flooding.

Membership

With this newsletter you will find the 2019-20 season membership Invoice. We hope that all of you appreciate the work that your club has done through the years since its founding, and will renew your membership for this year as well. And of course, we certainly would appreciate any thing you can do to promote those that have machines and use the roads and trails in becoming members of the club themselves.

And as a reminder, please make sure to send your dues in by May 1st, 2019

Trail and Route Status

Just a note, our ATV trails typically open on May 22nd. However, the opening date is as we know somewhat weather dependent. It is in the realm of possibility that a late spring thaw could delay our normal opening. Please watch our Facebook page for updates as opening season nears.

New Enterprise Forest Trail

Unfortunately with the heavy snowfalls we have had this winter it has impacted the progress on this trail. In my last conversation with the Forestry Director, John Bilogan, he stated that the trail will not be ready for opening with the balance of our trail system. They were still laying gravel down well into January, before the heavy snow began. The heavy snow throughout the month of February and since then has prohibited them from finishing the graveling of the trail. It just became too costly to continually plow the trail base and roads leading to their gravel pits. Graveling the remaining trail segments, and signing will be the work that needs to be completed in June.

His best estimate is the new Trail will be ready for opening around the middle to end of June. When it does open, it will be required of the club to have the ability to provide maintenance and monitoring of it for tree windfall, etc. With that said we will need an "on call" group of individuals for trail maintenance issues, etc., as well as one or two trail ambassadors. If you have an interest in either of these areas please let Gene or I know as soon as possible.

Hwy 64 Wolf River Langlade Bridge

While not in our area of responsibility, it is worthy of mention that our fellow clubs have finally succeeded in gaining the approval and grant to build a bridge across the Wolf River in the Town of Langlade on Highway 64. Our thanks go out to the following for working so hard to expand ATV/UTV Trail access across our adjoining counties: Parrish Highlanders, Red Arrow ATV & Snowmobile club of Oconto, White Lake ATV Club, Wolf River Riders ATV club, Dusty Trails ATV club, Bear Paw ATV Club as well as 300 plus people who showed up at a Langlade County meeting to support this project.

Maps

Jeff Herman and Tim Wolfgram have been working hard over winter on updating our club maps, as well as obtaining business sponsors and renewals. The new maps will be available at the local businesses or from one of the Board Members. 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, including the new trail in Enterprise Forest Block. Hopefully we may also have them ready for our annual meeting.

Oneida County ATV/UTV Council

After attempting to get the ATV/UTV Clubs of Oneida County over the last couple years to work together and coordinate their efforts; through the work of Eric Rady of the Oneida County Forestry Department there has been agreement of all clubs to form a Council to do just that. While it is in its infancy and much work needs to be done, it is refreshing that all of our fellow clubs recognize the importance of working together.

Goals of the Council are: Promotion / Funding, Coordination with WATVA for state-wide issues and consistency, Better communication with law enforcement, government, land owners, etc., Recognized as recreation within the Northwood's, A Collective Voice for Oneida County to work with the Board, County wide ATV/UTV map, Efficiency and cost benefits of common projects, Working with state for trail standards & uniformity, Safety, County to county communication, Education of public and other clubs and Becoming familiar with clubs/group/representatives.

Special thanks to Tim Wolfgram, Jeff Herman and Greg Vercauteren for their attendance and participation with the Council.

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on May 18th, 2019 at the Elcho Clubhouse starting at 3:00 PM for the meeting, with dinner afterwards at 5:00pm. As in past years the club will furnish the main course chicken and ham, and if members would bring the sides and salads it would be appreciated. Please RSVP to Jeff or Joy Herman if you plan to attend, and what you will be bringing. Either put a note in your dues payment, or email pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com

10th Annual Fischer's ATV/UTV Rally and Poker Run

The 10th annual Fischer's ATV/UTV Rally will be held on Saturday, June 22nd in conjunction with the Parrish Highlanders Club at Fischer's Bar on Hwy 17 and Q. This event has proved to be a great moneymaker for the clubs, and we expect the turnout to continue to grow. We will need volunteers on Saturday to man our tent, clothing sales, membership, set-up on Friday night and cleanup on Sunday morning. Please let one of your board members know if you will be able to help out this year.

Brat Fry and Bake Sales

We will be holding three Brat Fry and Bake Sales on Hwy 45 in Pelican Lake this year. The dates are May 25th, July 6th and August 31st. We will be looking for baked goods donations as well as cooking and serving help on those days. Please let your board members know if you can help on any of those days, and/or donate baked goods.

Boiling Springs Fall Ride

Mark the date, and don't miss out on one of the largest ATV/UTV Poker Runs in the North Woods. The Boiling Springs 5th Annual Fall Ride and Poker Run will be held on Saturday, October 5th 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. Watch for posters for more information.

Adopt-a-Highway Program

Your club feels very strongly about promoting itself thru responsible, community orientated projects, fulfilling a civic responsibility to the community. We would like to consider participating in the Adopt-a Highway Program which entails the following responsibility for litter control on approximately a two mile segment of state and/or county highway at least three times per year between April 1 and November 1. The

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

Special Thanks

A huge thank you goes out to our neighbor and strong supporter, the Sokaogon Chippewa Community, for their donation of \$2000 to help support our club. They have been great supporters since our inception, so if you get chance take a run over and visit the Casino, or dine at Café Manoomin, fill up at the convenience mart, or stay a night or two at the Mole Lake Lodge. It would be greatly appreciated!

Equipment Update

During our cookouts we have been borrowing grills from either the fire department or Gerritt's Lakeview inn. Neither of which was the best arrangement so we have recently purchased a large LP grill for our outdoor events which will make the club more self-sufficient in the future.

Clothing and Accessories

Just an update, club clothing can be seen at Dave's Roadside or Boiling Springs Tavern, both on Hwy G. Clothing can be purchased at Boiling Springs Tavern.

We will also have cooler cups for sale with the club logo as well.



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 rapidly coming upon us, now is the time to go over your machine to make sure it is trail ready for riding.

- *Reinstall the battery if you removed it for storage, and charge it fully. Be sure the battery holds a charge.
- *If you did not change the oil and oil filter before storing the ATV, do so now.
- *Check the spark plugs, and replace them if necessary.
- *Fill the fuel tank with fresh gasoline, and make sure the engine starts.
- *Check all the lights, and replace any burned-out bulbs.
- *Check the tires for damage and inflate them. Tires may wear or flatten if left on the ground for long periods of time.
- *Check for damage caused by rodents, such as blocked pipes or chewed wires and cables.
- *Check for any other damage that may occur during storage. For example, parts made of rubber or plastic may deteriorate over time.

And two of the most important items to check

- *Is your registration current?
- *Refresh your memory on Wisconsin ATV/UTV Rules and Regulations, as well as all of the courtesy hand signals.

For more information please refer to the following link <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/atv/>

Remember most trails are set to open on May 22nd, but it is entirely dependent upon how our spring thaw goes, and how the trails dry up, so again watch our Facebook page, or Oneida County information for exact opening dates.

We thank each and every one of you for being a member, and hope to see you out enjoying the trails and routes as our season opens. Remember, please drive safe, drive sober, drive responsibly, and enjoy your fun with the club.

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