

# 2023 Summer Newsletter



To our membership,

Wow, what a crazy spring we had with our unpredictable and wild weather swings, our friend, Jimmie the Ground Hog confirmed he was not going to be kind to us but hopefully after this past week's frost blast the cold will finally be behind us and our warm weather is here to stay

## **Membership**

I would like to thank all of our current members and businesses who have renewed their membership for 2023, as well as all of our new members who have joined. The response has been awesome, resulting in the best turnout in having memberships renewed ever.

For those that still have not sent in their membership you can either mail it to our PO Box 98, Pelican Lake, WI 54463 or better yet, come see us at the annual meeting and you can pay either Joy Herman or Deb Christian at that time.

In addition, just a reminder for you to act as ambassadors of the club, and should family, friends, neighbors have bought a machine ask them if they would be interested in joining the club as well and just provide them with a copy of the membership form or direct them to our website for a copy <https://pelchomuddnutz.com/>

## **Annual Meeting-Change of Location-Guest Speaker**

We have changed the location of our annual meeting and it will now be held at the Elcho Clubhouse on June 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday starting at 12 Noon. It was felt that this would be more comfortable and appropriate than holding it at the new building so we are not dependent on the weather.

We will be serving Chicken, French Fries and Pizza, and if you would like to bring a desert to pass that would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, we will be having a guest speaker at noon from the Conservation Fund. Clint Miller, Central Midwest Regional Director, Conservation Acquisition will speak about the Pelican River Forest Project and will be available to answer any questions you may have. For background feel free to follow this link <https://pelicanriver.org/> and scroll down to find a description of the Project.

## **Donations**

We will be making up some baskets to have for raffles during the course of the year and would like to ask our membership to help fill them. If you would like please bring your donation to the annual meeting, be it a bottle of liquor, packaged snack goods, mixes, ATV/UTV sport related items or what ever you think would be a nice contribution to the basket raffle. Of course, if you would just like to make a cash donation towards purchasing items for the baskets that would be fine too!

## **Club Building Open House July 8th**

In lieu of having the annual meeting at the new building we will be having an Open House on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11-2:00 pm. The building is located at the intersection of Hwy G and Zimmer Road. This is approximately 6.5 miles north on Hwy G, from the intersection of Hwy G and Q.

The club will provide burgers and brats and soda, if you would like to bring a side or dessert that would be fine but not required.

We are also thinking of holding some rides that day for those members who are not familiar with our trail and the balance of the Enterprise Forest trails. If this would be of interest to you, please let a board member know, or email us.

We will be publishing additional details as the meeting date nears so watch your email, Facebook or the club website.

### **Election-Board of Directors**

Just a reminder, there are three Board of Director positions that will come up for election this year. They are myself, Jeff and Joy Herman. All of us have chosen to run again however should you have an interest in becoming a Board Member please let me know, or if you would like to nominate someone for the Board please so advise.

Board positions are for a period of three years, and the Board is responsible for electing the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer.

### **Maps**

We have received the new maps and they have been distributed to the local businesses.

They will also be available at the Annual Meeting; price is the same at \$2.00 per map

### **Trail Updates**

#### **Monico to Forest County Trail**

I have been advised by the county that the trail segment connecting Oneida and Forest County is still being worked on, requiring some signage to be either replaced or repaired, and some new signs installed. As of this writing Jeff Herman, Dennis VandenHuevel and Bruce Dantoine are working on this and we hope to have this open in the next week. In addition, the leg from the county lines to Cole Road and Mays bar will also be open. This new segment will allow one to have access into the Town of Monico. Just been informed this will be open for this weekend

#### **Hwy 45/McGinnis Road Crossing North of Pelican Lake**

We are continuing to work with Kerry Romsa on developing a trail leg thru his property from Hwy Q to Hwy 45, across from McGinnis Road. At this time we are waiting on a contractor to come in and clear approximately a ¼ mile thru the woods for the trail, and are hopeful this is done sometime in July.

Our appreciation goes out to Kerry and Suz for allowing us to cross their property and develop the trail.

#### **ATV/UTV Access to East side of Pelican Lake-Conservation Fund/DNR Recreational Easement**

As stated in previous newsletters I have been working closely with the Conservation Fund who now owns the approximately 57,000 acres east and north of Pelican Lake.

There has been considerable opposition to this easement but it has not come from the public. In fact, in all the meetings that I have attended the public is in overwhelming support of the project.

Unfortunately our elected leaders, that being town chairmen, and county supervisors have taken it upon themselves to organize the opposition amongst themselves, going against the desires of their constituency. Credit goes to the Conservation Fund who is diligently working on bringing this project to fruition thru all possible efforts to appease the opponents.

I will be continuing to work closely with Clint Miller of the Conservation Fund towards establishing ATV/UTV access to this property, and we will be doing some field work on this on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Dump Road to Old 26**

The Town of Schoepke has designated this as an un-maintained, un-managed town road so that we can now gate it for solely ATV/UTV and Snowmobile use. This has allowed us to work with the county who has submitted a request for funding from the ORVC to develop it into a navigable trail to be completed by 2024.

We will not know if the request is granted until the Off-Road Vehicle Council meets in September, so let's keep our fingers crossed.

## **Thank You**

I would like to thank Nancy Rasmussen and all the club members who took the time to help out on the road clean up, thru everyone's hard work they did a great job.

I would also like to take the time to extend our appreciation to Jeff Herman our Vice-President and Trail Boss and to his crew for all the work they did on getting the trail ready for opening. Thanks goes out to Bob Brattigam, Bob Young, Bill Christian, Tim Wolfgram and Dennis VandenHeuvel

## **Volunteers**

At our last Board Meeting the topic of member volunteers came up. We have had a number of our members say they would like to volunteer to help in the club activities, but may not have been called upon. We have realized that we have been remiss in not reaching out more than we have to our membership for participation in all the various club activities and events.

Some of this is due to scheduling, as much is done during the week which limits those who are working, or can be just last minute or weather dependent such as doing trail maintenance.

We did come to the conclusion that we need to be better at managing our valuable members that would like to volunteer, yet not end up with too many people at a function only to have some stand around with nothing to do.

So, that being said, if you have the time and would like to volunteer, we still appreciate it, and will make every effort to put you to work as well!

## **Clothing and Apparel**

Speaking of volunteers, we are looking for a couple people that would be willing help with managing our clothing and accessories, as well as selling them at the Brat Fry's and Poker Run's and other events that may take place.

Should you have an interest in doing so please contact Jeff Herman and let him know

## **Closing**

As our season is upon us just a quick reminder of two of the most important items to check before you ride.

\*Is your registration current?

\*Refresh your memory on Wisconsin ATV/UTV Rules and Regulations, as well as all of the courtesy hand signals.

There have been a number of rule changes in the last 2 years, so maybe not a bad time to check.

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

As I said in the spring newsletter it has been a very busy new year for your club and its Board of Directors. I sincerely hope that you see the benefit of belonging to a club, and promote its purpose, and reason to belong to those fellow riders you may run across.

Again, a big thank you goes out in advance to all of you for your continued support and participation in your club.

**Gary Dominski**

**Club President**

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## Welcome to our new members

Guy & Theresa Davis  
Chuck and LeAnn Knoeck  
CJ Kraft  
Jim and Anna Lutz  
Jen and Steve Tuszka French  
George and Amber Lewitzke

John & Trysha Maness  
Ben and Pat Brzozowski  
Stuart and Nancy Linger  
Joey Catanzaro  
John Catanzaro  
Bruce and Pam Dantoin

Roger and Kelly Sutherland  
Ron and Diane Traub  
Tom & Jeri Harmon  
Mark and Patricia H. Maples  
Winding Trail Bar and Grill

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***Norm's Hollow***  
***Oneida Construction***  
***PB&J's Place-Hwy 45***  
***Pelican Lake Campground \*\****  
***Pelican Lake Chamber***  
***of Commerce***  
***Roadside Pub \*\****  
***Rocky's Roadhouse \*\****  
***Rock n Dick's \*\****  
***Shabby Shack – Pelican Lake***  
***Shady Brook Campgrounds***  
***Sunset View Post Lake \*\****  
***Spencer's Country Store \*\****  
***Sokaogon Chippewa Community-***  
***Mole Lake Casino \*\****  
***Summit Gas-N-Go \*\****  
***The Dock Bar Restaurant \*\****  
***The Winding Trail Grill and Bar \*\****  
***Thirsty Bear Pub \*\****  
***Twin Oaks Resort \*\****  
***Vern's Antigo \*\****  
***Weaver's Resort and Campground***  
***Antigo Area ATV Club***  
***Parrish Highlanders ATV Club***  
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\*\* Denotes businesses where you can obtain a trail map for \$2.00 Donation