



Summer salutations to all,

I hope that everyone has been having a great summer and has been able to get out and ride. With all the rain we have been getting hopefully it has kept the dust down and allowed for those that prefer not to get dirty provide for an opportunity to get some trail riding in. For those diehards who love the offroad fun of the sport I am sure you have found some great opportunities to get out on our many trails and really get some good riding in.

### **Membership**

Wow, I would just like to extend my appreciation to all of our members, both our long termers and our new members. Our club is now over 400 members strong, making us one of the larger clubs in the north woods.

And it is also our ten-year anniversary for the club, what a fantastic way to celebrate it by reaching this member milestone.

There are still a couple of you who have not renewed your membership and if you are still riding, I am sure it is just an oversight. Please send in your membership dues using this as a reminder. If you are not sure if you're paid just email the club and we will be happy to double check it for you. [pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com](mailto:pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com)

We also have a couple of businesses who have not renewed your membership yet. I know an invoice can get overlooked or misplaced, so again, if not sure please reach out to us to double check.

And again, we certainly would appreciate anything you can do to promote the club to those neighbors, friends and family that have machines and use the roads and trails to become members of the club themselves.

### **Trail and Route Status**

Even with the wet weather and some storms our trails are in excellent riding condition. Thanks to Jeff Herman, the club Trail Boss and all the hard work and effort the volunteers have put into keeping them in tip top shape.

Should you be out riding and notice that a trail needs work or attention please email the club and let us know. If it is a safety hazard or trees down, please call or text Jeff directly and report it to him as soon as possible. You can reach him at 920-621-8001.

### **Hwy Q-Dump Road to Old 26**

We have had a minor setback in our project timing due to a change in the project scope. This necessitated a review by the County Forestry Department, and coordination with the DNR grant office. This has now been resolved and we can continue to move forward on the project.

Unfortunately, this delayed the County Forestry Department from soliciting bids for this project so I doubt that we will be able to complete it this year. We are hopeful that it will be able to be completed early in 2025 for our use.

#### **Hwy 45/Cemetery Road to McGinnis Road -Town of Schoepke**

Just a reminder and update, the financing for this project will be through a request for a grant from the ORVC and this was submitted in April 2024 for approval. We will not know if it is approved until their late summer meeting usually held late this month or in September. If approved, construction would begin in 2025.

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

We have finalized the details for our access to this property for the 2024-25 season. We do not anticipate any other problems for the current year.

I would just like to remind everyone that for this year the roads are shared use roads with motorized vehicles. Please exercise due caution and alertness when traveling for the safety of yourself and your passengers. In addition, please do not deviate off the approved ATV/UTV roads. Roads that are not open to ATV/UTV/Vehicle use are clearly marked so there is no excuse to go somewhere you should not.

Should you have an interest in learning more about the property and The Conservation Fund please follow this link <https://www.conservationfund.org/impact/blog/the-journey-to-protect-pelican-river-forest>

#### **Hwy 45 Use**

Just a reminder, Hwy 45 is approved for ATV/UTV use within the 35 MPH speed zone. This allows access to businesses on Hwy 45, as well as allowing residents along the highway a legal way to get to the adjoining routes and trails.

*Yes, I will be redundant here, please remember that Hwy 45 is not open to Hwy Q in the 55 MPH Zone. It is also not open all the way to County B even though it is only a short distance. Please do not violate this restriction as if it is abused the use of Hwy 45 can be rescinded.*

I know there have been a lot of questions why these restrictions exist, but remember, speed laws are set by statute and local offices have to follow the statute even if it doesn't make sense to us.

For more information the link for Wisconsin Speed Limit Guide is <https://wisconsin.gov/dtsdManuals/traffic-ops/manuals-and-standards/teops/13-05.pdf> or you can contact:  
WisDOT North Central Region  
510 Hanson Lake Rd,  
Rhineland, WI 54501  
Phone: (715) 365-3490

#### **Board of Director Elections**

I would like to extend a welcome to our four new Board of Directors members:

Doug Mueller--Jeff Johnson--Dennis Vanden Heuvel--Kerry Romsa

They will join Board Member Paul Schmidt, and Officers Jeff Herman-Vice President, Joy Herman-Treasurer, Pam Kaul-Secretary and myself as president to provide the direction and leadership of the club for the next couple years.

Should you have any questions, concerns or ideas please reach out to any one of us or email the club at [pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com](mailto:pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com)

## **Clothing and Accessories**

There is a second attachment for those of you who get the newsletter by email which shows our new clothing brochure that Sandy Vanden Heuvel has put together. This shows all the items that are available for purchase, so please support your club and wear your club colors. This is also on the website and Facebook page.

## **Fall Poker Run**

On Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Boiling Springs will be hosting their annual Poker run. This is one of the larger poker runs in the area and the club typically volunteers to check in the riders and do the dealing. And on behalf of the club this is an excellent opportunity for the club to hold a bucket raffle to aid in club funding.

We would certainly appreciate any donations toward the raffle, be it separate items, a completed basket or a monetary donation. Anything you can do to donate would be greatly appreciated to help with a successful fundraiser for the club. Call or text Jeff or Joy Herman for a drop off. 920-621-8001.

## **News Letter Comments, Feedback, Questions and Volunteering**

The email for the club is.....[pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com](mailto:pelchomuddnutz@outlook.com)

If you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer for any club event or donate you can easily let us know by e-mailing 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.

## **Rules and Regulations-Reminder**

I still see so many people that do not seem to be aware of some of the most basic of the ATV/UTV laws, so I thought it best to include this reminder. The most important I have summarized below. For a comprehensive listing please go to the DNR Website via the link below.

### **ATV Passenger Rules**

Previously only on the roadway were passengers restricted to those ATVs that were designed and intended for passengers. Now that requirement has been extended to all other areas. ***ATV operators cannot have a passenger riding in or on any part of an ATV that is not designed or intended to be used by passengers. If the machine did not come from the factory as a two-up machine, after market seating is illegal***

### **Lighted Headlamp Display Requirements**

Previously ATVs and UTVs were required to have a lighted headlamp & tail lamp during hours of darkness or during Day light hours when within a highway. ***ATVs and UTVs are now required to always have a lighted headlamp & tail lamp during operation.*** Most machines' headlights go off when you turn the machine off, so the easiest thing to do is put them on and leave them on.

### **ATV & UTV Auxiliary Lighting Restrictions**

No person (except EMS personal) may operate an ATV or UTV that is equipped with any of the following:

1. A lamp that emits any color of light other than white or amber and that is visible from directly in front of the ATV or UTV.
2. A lamp that emits any color of light other than red, yellow, amber, or white and that is visible from directly behind the ATV or UTV.
3. A flashing, oscillating, or rotating lamp that emits any color other than yellow or amber.

Any person operating an ATV or UTV must dim his or her high-beam headlamps and any auxiliary lamps when within 500 feet of an approaching ATV/UTV or vehicle, and within 500 feet to the rear of another ATV/UTV or vehicle. In addition, an operator must dim his or her backup lamps unless actively backing.

## Speed Limits

I have heard from some that you can drive the highway speed limit on your ATV/UTV. This is not entirely true and will only get you a ticket. To clarify the speed limit question, I contacted the respective departments in our adjoining counties to get clarification which is below by county. Unfortunately, the counties are not uniform in their speed limit laws so please be careful and know what county you are in and what their laws are.

### Oneida County

The 35 mph speed limit applies to all county highways. The following is from the ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE POLICY FOR ATV ROUTES ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS

**All ATV's must stay on the right side of the pavement next to the gravel but on the asphalt surface and must not exceed 35 miles per hour.**

The Oneida County Public Works committee did a review of the speed limit policy and specifically looked at the speed limit topic at a meeting earlier this year. During that discussion, the committee voted in favor of keeping the speed limit at 35 mph for all open county highways.

### Lincoln County

According to the Lincoln County Highway Commissioner the county roads that are open in Lincoln County to ATV's, are posted at 35MPH maximum speed limit. There have been no discussions about changing the speed limits up to this point.

### Forest County

Forest County Ordinance 05-2009 states that operators of All-Terrain/Utility Terrain vehicles on approved ATV trails must adhere to all posted speed limits.

### Langlade County

According to the Langlade County Forestry Department Langlade County provides ATV/UTV's on all County Highways the right to go the same speed as traffic unless posted at a different speed with ATV/UTV signs.

Please keep in mind that within a county the townships can have their own speed limit laws and regulations. As the driver of an ATV/UTV it is up to you to know what the legal speed limit is that you can go no matter where you are at.

The following are state regulations regarding speed limits.

You must slow your ATV/UTV to 10 mph or less when you are riding within 100 feet of any person who is not on a motorized vehicle. This includes, but is not limited to slowing for anglers, hikers, bicyclists, joggers, horses, etc. as well as for other ATV/UTV operators standing along the trail.

You must slow your ATV/UTV to 10 mph or less when you are riding within 150 feet of a home or dwelling, unless you are operating on a legal ATV road route.

For those that have a hard time doing that, where are you going to ride that \$20-\$40,000 machine when everything is shut down, and who is going to buy it from you when there is nowhere to ride. **THINK ABOUT IT!**

### Age and Helmet Concerns

No person under 12 may operate an ATV.  
No person under 16 may operate a UTV.

All ATV and UTV operators at least age 12 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.

Children age 12 – 15 years may operate small UTVs (200 CCs or less) on public, off-road ATV trails only. No children under 16 years may operate on a roadway.

The child must be accompanied by a designated adult and possess a valid ATV Safety Certificate.

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

The above is not meant to be an all-inclusive list of current rules and regulations and speed limits. It is a reminder that if you own and drive a machine you are responsible for knowing the laws and regulations.

For a comprehensive listing of all current ATV/UTV regulations please go to the DNR Website.

<https://widnr.widen.net/s/r57n2bmj5t>

### **Closing**

I hope that our members are having a great year getting out and enjoying the riding opportunities that we are surrounded by. It does take a lot of time and effort to keep the trails open, the equipment running, the fundraisers going to finance the club in addition to your dues. With that being said, I would like to extend my appreciation to the following members for their contributions:

Mike and Cindy Peters-Donated Bloody Mary Basket for Raffle  
Marge Lex-For the excellent job Marge does with our website and Facebook Page  
Musky Mart-For donating the ice and propane for our brat fry's  
Gail and Bob Haag and "crew" for taking control of the Memorial Day Brat Fry  
Sandy Vanden Heuvel for taking over clothing sales and making up that great-looking brochure.  
Pam Dantoin, Scott and Barb Krueger and crew for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Brat Fry  
Bill Dettman for helping with the tractor maintenance and July 4<sup>th</sup> Brat Fry.  
Eddie Miller and the Sno Devils for use of their tractor to help in trail grooming.  
And of course, my apologies should I have forgotten to mention someone.

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

**Gary Dominski**

**Club President**

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### ***Welcome to our new members***

Jerry and Kathy	Baker
Matt	Becker
Paul	Errich
Don	Fick
Mark	Foyse
Janet	Wieting
Darryl	Hart
Rick & Danielle	Krueger
Don & Kathy	Wix

Big Bob	Lightly
Tom	Morris
Dan & Peggy	Mueller
Paul & Gail	Ness
Tim & Nancy	Olson
Jenny	Wydeven
Jeff and Bev	Olson
Kenton & Tricia	Olson
Robbie and Kim	Poetzi

Sara & Ryan	Schmitt
Rick	Schroeder
Todd	Schultz
Steve	Schultz
Tony & Darlene	Seubert
Harvey	Shusta
Mark and Linda	Stibbe
Gary and Sandy	Stoffel
Shane & Kari	Vondracek

Dion and Shannon	Haase
Garry	Patterson
Pat Watson and	John Krueger
Pine River Rough	Rider's
Tim and Renee	Laufenberg
The Next Trail	
Dive on 45	
Joseph	Nessman
Dave	Johnson

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