



ROLLING HILLS

Snowmobile & ATV Club
WASHBURN COUNTY WISCONSIN



May 2024

From The President

As we have previously advised, the Club's annual elections will be on May 1 at the Club's Shop in Trego. This year we will be electing for two year terms the President, the Secretary and four Director positions. Randy King will be running for re-election as the President, Julie Ringlien is running for re-election as the Secretary. The Director positions will be Jim Dienstl, Ed Slamainski and Randy Vincent running for re-election, and Mark Scott running to replace Rob Zehm who isn't running again this year so he can concentrate on holding the popular and profitable meat raffles. Because there are no contested positions, Roberts' Rules provides for a motion by acclamation which avoids the necessity for a vote on each individual candidate. Please bring a dish to share and join us for the meeting and election. Burgers, brats and buns will be supplied. Beer, water and pop will also be provided. Hope to see you there !

~ Randy



Officers:

President: Randy King
Vice Pres: Jim Heim
Secretary: Julie Ringlien
Treasurer: Gwen Welter

Board of Directors:

Jim Dienstl
Lee Norton
Jim McDowall
Doug Bruner
Jeff Wensel
Randy Vincent
Ed Slaminski
Jeff Peterson
Robert Zehm

AWSC Director:

Gwen Welter

AWSC Rep:

Julie Ringlien

WATVA Rep:

Jim McDowall

Trail Boss:

Jim Dienstl, Randy King

Sunshine:

Joan Dienstl

Membership Chair:

Jim McDowall

Fundraising Chair:

Jim Heim

Marketing Director:

John Zavodnick

Activities:

Vacant

WATVA NEWS

WATVA (Wisconsin ATV/UTV Association) NW Regional coordinator Greg Olson was a guest speaker at the April meeting. Among other things, he announced that Rolling Hills Snowmobile and ATV Club will be hosting the NW Regional Meeting this year. It will be held at the Railroad Park Pavillion on Saturday August 24. More info on this to come in future newsletters. Save the date and stay tuned.



One of the main topics of the 2024 WATVA Annual Meeting, attended by our WATVA rep, was the results of the 2023 Economic & Demographic Report commissioned by WATVA. This report aims to understand the relative and overall economic significance that ATV/UTV recreation provides to the State of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin traditionally scores at the top of the gross domestic product (GDP) results as provided by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) related to motorcycling/ATV/UTVing. Our statewide study is much more specific as it measured positive economic impacts that apply for summer ATV/UTV trail riding, winter trail riding, road route riding and the multi day longer trips that some call overlanding. This EIS (Economic Impact Study) resulted in a "Total Economic Effect" of an astonishingly robust \$5.4 billion.

Randy Harden gave the EIS summary at the meeting. Here is a link to his power point presentation for some interesting slides. Click on the link, scroll down to "Convention Agenda, Itinerary and Slideshows" And select the "Wisconsin ATV / UTV Association's 2024 Economic Impact Report" slideshow.

<https://www.watva.org/index.php/about/2024-annual-meeting>

Rolling Hills 50th Anniversary Celebration / Landowners Appreciation Picnic

This Labor Day, September 2, 2024 (mark it down), will be a big day for Rolling Hills Snowmobile and ATV Club. To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we have organized a committee to coordinate this event. It will also be our Landowner's Appreciation Picnic. The committee has started working on this.

It will be held Monday September 2nd (Labor Day) at the Railroad Prk Pavilion in Spooner at 11:00am.

The committee has decided on an ALL-Cash Raffle for FUNRAISER for this event. The tickets will be available to sell by May 15th.

We are still looking for volunteers to help on this event.

- Ticket sales
- Poster placements
- Collecting Raffle prizes
- Set up & tear down



If you can lend a hand in anyway, please contact Rob Zehm 715.635.2199 or Jim Heim 715.520.0251

Heated Vest Winner



Carmen Smith is the lucky winner of a heated vest the club raffled off. Carmen purchased her winning ticket at The Still

Summer Schedule



As usual we will not be having General Meetings for June, July or August due to minimal attendance because of summer activities. We will continue however to have board meetings and newsletters for those months. We'll be sending emails periodically regarding important information that comes up.

Namekagen Bridge Surface Repair

In an effort to squeeze some more time out of the bridge surface on the Namekagen Bridge on Wild Rivers Trail, we repurposed some donated conveyer belt rubber to overlay the tired decking.



New Grader



The club has purchased a new grader from a Canadian Company in Quebec called Wil-Be. This is not your father's grader! It will take some time for our operators to get up to speed on this monster, but we have high hopes that you will start seeing some big improvements on the trails this summer.



TRAIL CONDITIONS

ATV/UTV Trails:

As of April 1st the Washburn County ATV/UTV trails are closed for use through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend. The Wild Rivers Trail (#35) and Shell Lake Grade (#39 South) will remain open during this spring closure unless the DNR Fire Danger reach Very High or higher. Please note, this has been a very dry spring and the fire danger in Washburn County continues to fluctuate daily. To stay up to date on the current WI Fire Danger posting, please [click here](#).

For Current Trail Conditions, click here



May 1 Wed – Annual Meeting / Elections

at the maintenance shed W5660 Snowmobile Rd, Trego, WI 54888
5:30 p.m. (see “From the President” on page 1 for details)

May 13 Mon – Board Meeting - Tonys

June 15 Sat – Meat Raffle – Whitetail Ridge Campground in Sarona – 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

June 17-19 Mon-Wed – Club ATV Trip at Northern Lights in Park Falls

Aug 24 Sat – WATVA NW Regional meeting – Spooner Railroad Park Pavilion – 9:00 a.m.

Sep 2 Mon – Rolling Hills 50th Celebration – Spooner Railroad Park Pavilion – 11:00 a.m. (more to come)

Sponsor Spotlight



Located in Birchwood, The Pit Stop BBQ Smokehouse is a great place for Gourmet Coffee, Hand Scooped Ice Cream, BBQ - Smoked in House and Homemade Sandwiches. Open: Monday - Sunday: 5:30 AM to 10:00 PM. In addition to getting a bite to eat, we're a convenient place to gas up as well! We've even got lots of gifts, as well as Wine, Beer, and Liquor.



SHELL LAKE STATE BANK

Since 1934 the Shell Lake State Bank has been providing financial services to the residents and visitors of Northwest Wisconsin. Complete banking services are available at the Main Office in Shell Lake as well as the branch offices located in Spooner, Minong, Hayward and Stone Lake, WI. The Shell Lake State Bank is committed to offering the most complete line of financial services both conveniently and with the highest level of customer service.



The Landing on Long Lake has been updated, and rebranded under new ownership, now called "Summers on Long". Come and see us! Whether it's to savor our food, sip signature cocktails at our full-service bar, or take in our spectacular view, you're sure to want to stay awhile. Our staff is passionate about creating a great experience for everyone.



RE/MAX 4 SEASONS

With the limited number of homes on the current U.S. market, you need an agent with the right connections, technology and strategies to achieve your home buying or selling vision. Whether you're feeling overwhelmed and want someone to take the wheel, or you just need a second opinion and you have it covered, you can be rest assured a RE/MAX agent is the right agent for any level of service, in any market condition.



ATVs, UTVs, boaters, snowmobiles welcome! Stop by for the amazing view but stay for the cold drinks! We welcome you to Sunset Resort; a family resort located on beautiful Long Lake. Enjoy the combination of good fishing and natural beauty that is here to greet you. Our very clean cottages are fully furnished and feature a deck overlooking the lake.

78 Whitetail Ridge Campground & Backwoods Saloon LLC & "My Sarona" House Restaurant

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