



ROLLING HILLS

Snowmobile & ATV Club

WASHBURN COUNTY WISCONSIN



May 2026

From The President

MAY ELECTIONS

Our Annual Meeting this year will be at the Shell Lake Community Center, 200 W Lake Dr, at 5:30pm on May 11. A primary item on the agenda is the election of Officers and Directors.

The open positions this year are President, Secretary, and three Board of Director seats. As provided by the Bylaws, a Nominations Committee contacted those running for the open positions. At the April 13 meeting, the nominees for each position were Randy King-President, Julie Ringlien-Secretary, and Rita Goveronski, Ed Slaminski, and Doug Roose as the three Board members. As provided by the Bylaws, nominations were closed at the end of the meeting.

All members are invited to join us on May 11th. And if you would like, please bring a favorite side dish or dessert. Pulled pork will be provided.

~ Randy

Officers:

President: Randy King
Vice President: Jim Heim
Secretary: Julie Ringlien
Treasurer: Mike Keefe

Board of Directors:

Jim Dienstl
Jim McDowall
Gwen Welter
Ed Slaminski
Jeff Peterson
Mark Scott
Ron Wickboldt
Craig Hanson
Greg Moyer

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

Activities:

Rita Governoski



Jason Bartholowmew - Shell Lake, WI
James Zacharias - Hayward, WI

News from the Trail Boss

Trails are being graded as you read this. Remember only trail 35 and 39 to Shell Lake are open until the Friday before Memorial Day. An earlier opening must be posted by the County.

Trail Boss-Jim



Enjoy our groomed trails though public and private land covering thousands of acres of scenic adventure.

We're always looking for volunteers to do organized rides, do trail work and club activities etc.

IT'S NOT ALL WORK ----IT'S SO MUCH MORE!

Join our club and be part of the fun!



FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

FROM THE SOCIAL DEPARTMENT...

CLUB HAPPENINGS

We are busy planning fun events to do and that can also bring us together as a club.

Our spring kick off was well attended and thanks to Craig Hanson for flipping delicious burgers and hot dogs. A lot of information was given to us from the Rec Officer, Drew Knop from Washburn County and Greg Olson, from the WATVA. A few of the topics covered were the signed county roads that are now open, children safety, inspection of all trail bridges and other interesting issues.

Up and coming:

May 11th meeting will be held at the Shell Lake Community Center at 5:30 p.m. Election of officers will be done at this meeting. There will be hot sandwiches served and please bring a dish to pass. Everything else will be provided.

June we will be having our group overnight ride to Iron River. Please see the information elsewhere in this newsletter.

June, July, and August we will be having group rides locally that we are setting up. If you are interested in heading up a ride please contact us.

We need helpers in July for our Poker Run, nothing too strenuous. We can't forget our presences in the Rodeo Parade helpers always needed.

August and September are in the works. Is there anything you would like to see us do?

As always, if you'd like to help or have any ideas on activities, please reach out to:

Rita at rgoveronski@yahoo.com 715-308-5509 or
Craig at craighanson28@gmail.com 715-520-0551

Have Fun Will Travel

Club Over Night Trip

Our trip will be taking us from Spooner to Iron River. The dates are June 9th ,10th and 11th. The cost of the room is \$90.00 plus tax at the Lumberman Motel in Iron River. They will only reserve a group of rooms under one credit card which we do not have. **YOU WILL NEED TO CALL LUMBERMANS AT 715-372-4515 WITHIN A WEEK TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM** for the trip. Just a heads up, rooms are going fast!!!

They do have a 24 hour cancellation policy

The plan is to leave Spooner Tuesday morning and ride to Iron River (or you can trailer if you choose) I am sure there will be fun stops along the way. Wednesday will be riding around on new trails for a lot of us. Thursday morning checking out and heading back to Spooner.

This is open to all club members! Hope you can join us.

Call me 715.308.5509 with any questions.

Lumbermans Inn

Our Location

Located in the heart of Iron River Wisconsin, Lumbermans Inn is just steps away from the town's best restaurants, shopping, and entertainment.

Whether it's a good old fashioned Wisconsin fish fry, juicy burger, or tasty pizza there is a wide variety of restaurants nearby.

The Lumbermans Inn is located 18 miles south of Lake Superior and is adjacent to the Tri-County Corridor with access to hundreds of miles of the state's best ATV and snowmobile trails.





Thursday April 30, 2026

ATV/UTV Trails:

The Washburn County Code of Ordinances creates the closure of ATV trails from April 1st through the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend with the exception of The Wild River Trail (Trail 35) and the Shell Lake Rail Grade Trail (Trail 39S) which will remain open. This same ordinance does grant the Washburn County Forestry Department the ability to open trails early if conditions permit. We are monitoring trail conditions and fire danger daily to determine if/when we can allow for an early opener. One rule of thumb that they, and the public, can use is the amount of new leaves and vegetation in the wooded areas. This “green up” is generally an indicator of lower fire danger and more stable soil conditions on our trails.

Please be advised that during Spring Wildfire Season, the State has the authority to shut down the Wild Rivers Trail (Trail 35) and the Shell Lake Rail Grade Trail (Trail 39S) when fire danger reaches Very High or Higher. It is the responsibility of the riders to know if the trails are open or closed due to fire danger for that day. The current fire danger for Washburn County can be found by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876)

NOTE: On November 12th, 2025, the Washburn County Board approved a resolution to update the Washburn County ATV Ordinance to allow ATV/UTV traffic on all Washburn County Highways. County highways currently not open to ATV/UTV traffic will remain closed until signs are installed. Signs will be installed prior to the Memorial Day re-open.

Opening of all roads only applies to County (Lettered) Highways. The County Ordinance only covers the roads under the Highway Department’s jurisdiction and makes no changes to Town, City, Village, or State roadways within Washburn County.



For Current Trail Conditions, click here



May 11 Annual Club Meeting/Elections
Shell Lake Community Center
5:30 pm

June 9-11 Club Overnight Trip
Lumbermans Inn
Iron River