

2026 PROJECTS:

The 2026 Projects planned will require about \$200,000 in funding. We have received a \$100,000 grant from the IRRR but those funds require a 50-50 match. A RFQ was developed and sent to local contractors to bid on this year's trail work. Bids were received and reviewed and a contractor was selected based on bids. Trail work will start as conditions permit.

NORTH SPUR TRAIL: Additional material was placed on trail in 2025, and in 2026 repair areas of erosion and continue to improve trail surface. Maintenance should be minimal this year. Minntac again donated fill material for maintenance repair. Trail in very good condition!

SOUTH SPUR TRAIL: We think we have solved the erosion issues on the trail. DNR provided the Club with about 1,000 yards of "dirty" class 5 that was stockpiled at the parking area off the dump road. Some of the material was used and the remaining material stockpiled for future repairs and surfacing. Some coarse material was also stockpiled to fix future erosion areas. Generally, trail is in very good condition.

BIG ASPEN TRAILS: We had planned to work on some of the slope erosion areas this year. However, the US Forest Service is planning to do timber thinning which could impact our plans. Work may not start until late in the summer or early fall.

PFEIFFER LAKE TRAIL: We have a State of MN. Grant for \$50,000 to fix trails on state owned land at Pfeiffer Lake Trail. We plan this work for this spring/summer. So if you ride that trail this summer, beware that you could encounter trail work ongoing.

NEW TRAILHEAD: The club has requested a lease from the City of Virginia for a parcel to create a Trailhead on the west side of Highway 53 on the Old Inland Road. A concept plan was created for the site. The site would include a parking area, two outside privy's, a building to house trail maintenance equipment, and a meeting room for meetings and rider safety training.

TRAIL CONNECTION TO MELRUDE: We have met with the Whiteface Trail Riders from the Melrude area and we agreed to a connection trail from the Genoa Trail to Melrude. The connection point is at Makinen. This is the same trail route we rode on last spring's ride. This is a nice route from the Quad Cities to Melrude and back.



2026 ANNUAL BANQUET:

The first event on our 2026 calendar is the Annual Banquet. This year it will be held at the Virginia Elks Club on May 1st. Refreshments starts at 6:00, hors d'oeuvres at 7:00 and drawing at 8:00. We are again selling tickets to give away a Ranger XP 100 Northstar Edition Ultimate SXS. Tickets are \$50.00 each and we are selling 1,000 tickets. Tickets are available from Lisa at Ahrens Insurance in Virginia or from any board member. There will be other drawing and split the pot so please come and participate. Please buy a ticket or two and help sell tickets as this is our big fund raiser for the club. If you would like to donate to the event, contact Lisa at 218-290-3700.

THE SPRING RIDE will be on Saturday May 2nd, weather and trail conditions permitting. One ride will meet at BG's and leave at 9:00. A second ride will meet at Britt Lounge and leave at 9:45. Both rides will meet at the parking lot on Taconite Trail just off highway 53. The group will then ride to the Wooden Table for lunch. After lunch you can return at your own pace and route. Past rides have been well attended and a lot of fun. Please plan to participate!

NEW TRAIL: The Club is exploring a new route from Trillium Road to Whiskey Road. This connection would be a link to Biwabik and create a very nice day ride from Quad cities to Biwabik and back without backtracking on same trail. First step is getting land owner permission which is underway. If permission is granted, we can then proceed with environmental review and permitting. This process will take several years so be patient.





QUAD CITIES ATV CLUB Club News

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Greetings fellow riders

2026 Spring

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We are taking this opportunity to convey information regarding Quad Cities ATV Club Activities from the past year as well as inform you as to projects and activities planned for the coming year. If you know of a club member that did not receive this Newsletter, please have them contact our email address to be included in future club updates. If you have changed email address, please forward your new address to us so we can update our records and be able to communicate with you. [quadcitiesatvclub@gmail.com]

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Last year the Directors decided to have ATVAM manage club membership dues.



See the additional flyer with membership renewal instructions. The club has about 160 active individual/family and businesses members.

There are 94 individual/family memberships from 2024 and 2025 that have not renewed membership. If you have overlooked renewing please join.



WHY RENEW? Read on about activities and goals for the future. Your support is important to achieve these goals.

GRANT IN AID UPDATE:

The club has 33.4 miles of trail in the Grant In Aid program. What does this mean? Each November, the club applies for funding for trail maintenance and improvements. We have never received the amount requested as funds are limited and all other 70+ clubs are competing for the funds available. Even with the funds received, they require some level of match funding. This can come from other grants or from Club Funds. This is one reason your membership dues are important to the club.

GRANTS:

The club has engaged a person to write and apply for grants and 6 different grants are being applied for. We are requesting funding for new equipment to maintain trails (Skid Steer, dump trailer, etc.), and trail head site development including a parking area, privvys, and a building for equipment storage, training, and meetings. It is unclear how many grants or how much we will receive.

CLUB MEETINGS:

Meeting are held the first Monday of the Month starting at 6:00 pm. Meeting are being held at the Rink in Eveleth and there is plenty of room for members to attend. As you can see, the club has been very busy in planning for the future as well as improving area trails. If you want to get involved please contact any Director or respond by email. We are always looking for more people to help with our mission of safe riding, improving our trails, and trail connections.

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Please consider attending our meetings, which are held the RINK in Eveleth
6:00PM
First Monday
of each month.
We'd love to see you there!