

# Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's Badger Tracks

"Your off-highway vehicle recreation future begins here"

## From the desk of the CEO

Every month WOHVA provides our members and other motorized trail recreation advocates with this short synopsis of WOHVA's efforts to assure that environmentally responsible OHV recreational opportunities are expanded here the Badger State.

February 22nd WOHVA hosted the Spring Trail Meeting at Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links in Wrightstown, WI. The WOHVA Trail Coordinators with members and prospective members to discuss plans for WOHVA trails days and WOHVA events being planned for 2014. Presentations by Head Trail Coordinator John Lewins and CEO Dan Bergin covered, safety, dates, procedures, WORVPI updates and well as updates regarding AB369-WOHVA's pending OHV sticker legislation.

In 2014 WOHVA has worked to boost corporate sponsorship to assist with reaching our goals and upholding the mission statement.

Each monthly update I would like to spotlight one of our new partners. RSP, host of the spring trail meeting is owned by WOHVA members and has committed in 2014 to continuing the partnership started in 2013.

Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links is Appleton and Green Bay's best conditioned golf course. Conveniently located along Hwy 41 in Wrightstown, Wisconsin. This challenging, well manicured, championship layout has great greens and beautiful fairways. Royal St. Patrick's is a public golf course adjoined by golf course lots and the Royal St. Patrick's residential community. In addition to the very unique Links style golf course, Royal St. Patrick's boasts the Crosswind Sports Bar and Grille and delicious Friday Night Fish Fry. Crosswind, with its plantation style building, is a wonderful location for Weddings, Banquets, Meeting Space and Parties of every variety.

[www.royalstpatricks.com](http://www.royalstpatricks.com)

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association exists for the sole purpose of proactively assuring that public and private off-highway vehicular recreational opportunities are expanded in Wisconsin for safe use by this and future generations.



Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's

# Badger Tracks

"Your off-highway vehicle recreation future begins here"

## WOHVA sponsors Annual Spring Trails meeting 2014

Back in February, when the snow was deep and the temperatures rose to a balmy single digit, WOHVA held its annual Spring Trails meeting. This annual gathering is intended to share information on the upcoming year as well as serve as a medium addressing a more detailed approach, designed towards active trail guides and members.

This year's meeting was held at Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links just outside of Wrightstown, WI. A big Thank you to our host's Jerry and Paula Stephens. A special Shout out to the proprietors of Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links. They stepped up a few years back with financial support and quickly became WOHVA members.

John Lewins, WOHVA Trails Coordinator, presented updates on trail development, and maintenance best practices. Also discussed were upcoming trail work day opportunities and the importance of all volunteers to participate. A great discussion ensued with prospects for assistance with small excavation equipment for maintenance purposes. John also touched on the various upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Next on the agenda, WOHVA CEO, Dan Bergin offered updates on AB369, assembly bill for a fee based registration program aka the "Sticker Program". Dan also provided updates on the motorized recreation area being proposed by Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park Inc. (WORPVI). Discussed were topics such as overall size, a phased development plan, voices of the opposition and possible user groups.

All this was followed up by a pot luck luncheon and beverages. It was great to see some old friends again and meet some new faces. Thank you to all who attended and



[www.wohva.com](http://www.wohva.com)



Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's

# Badger Tracks

"Your off-highway vehicle recreation future begins here"

## Members Only!

I would like to introduce myself to everyone at WOHVA. My name is James Goeldner I have been with WOHVA since its inception and I am currently a 4 year Crimson Club member. In 2012 I took on the WOHVA Raffle chair and am proud to say last year we had a profit of about \$3000. That was the largest profit for us since the inception of the Raffle. Those funds are critical to our Insurance as we operate in Mole Building trails and creating events Like the Jeep Jamboree and GNTR. I took a hands on approach that mean I called each and every WOHVA member. Some conversations were short others lasted 30 minutes. The bottom line is everyone has a voice and it needs to be heard. Wisconsin needs to provide all of us with more places to recreate. The Funny part is you do not get what you do not ask for. Amazing to me that Wisconsin lacks opportunities to recreate and Membership is low. You would think we should have 1000 people fighting for a place to recreate. Is everyone that busy? Or honestly is it people don't care? I used to believe that everyone just assumes others will get it done. I decided in April of last year to become your Club membership Chair. That means my job is to get out to the clubs and seek support.

As I look back on 2013 it has been an active year for WOHVA. With all of the things we are doing one thing was high on my priority list. Membership cannot be done by simply sending out an email or posting on face book. It is done day to day face to face. So last year I took on that challenge and hit the road. With easily over \$5000 miles logged and countless hours of windshield time WOHVA has made some more friendships.

Last February WOHVA met a club call Roadside 4 Wheelers. This is a club made up of about 20 members and they are a powerful 20. They own a 40 acre parcel of land just west Of Mole Lake purchased with club funds. The group annual goes snow wheeling or camps on it in the summer. The club also does a annual tough truck competition at the local Mazo days county fair. After WOHVA introduced itself these guys stepped up big and became a supporting club of WOHVA. They have since supported WORVPI by purchasing a VIP pass for every one of its members. It's great to have Roadside on our team. If you see any of these guys on the trails thank them for their support.

Continued on pg. 4





Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's

# Badger Tracks

"Your off-highway vehicle recreation future begins here"

Continued from pg. 3

In July I took my jeep (Hirise) to visit two clubs in Red Wing MN. Loneriders 4x4 club and Borderline 4x4 club have access to a family owned farm with tons of challenges many competition Rock buggies couldn't master. What a great 2 nights of camping and great hospitality. These clubs were eager to hear more about WOHVA and things they can do on their own land to make it better for all. It is my Hopes that both of these clubs join WOHVA and help Wisconsin grow to the trail system MN has. Both of these clubs have not joined WOHVA yet however several of members joined WOHVA after my visit. Please Facebook these guys and help me welcome them to WOHVA.

As of lately Titledown Jeepers joined WOHVA this past December. We were able to connect with this group at the WORVPI meeting in Carter. They jumped on Board with a \$250 supporting membership and will be advertising in the Forest County Visitor guide with WOHVA, DAMAGE, and ROADSIDE. This unity to the businesses in Forest County is huge. Titledown is an energetic group eager to help WOHVA succeed. With how close they are to Mole Lake it is my hopes we can get a bunch of these guys up to Mole Lake to help build the trails for the Jeep Jamboree and the Great Northern Trail Ride. If you see any of the guys from Titledown thank them too for their financial Support. Together we can do great things.

Mid December John Schnorr President of WORVPI and myself visited Chicago Land Rovers Club. They were having the end of the year Christmas party. I was excited to have WOHVA invited so we treated them to the President of WORVPI for an update on the parks progress. These guys really lack trails in Chicago so the idea of a park had them all listening. Every year they travel to Northern Wisconsin and Snow wheel on the Pipeline. It was WOHVA a few years back that helped save a few CLRC members from a trespassing ticket as they were on marked snowmobile trails with their Land Rovers. After a few phone calls all the problems were solved. Since the CLRC has been a supporting club of WOHVA. They were the first club to send in their dues for 2014. Thanks guys we will see you on the trails.

All in all it has been a wonderful year for WOHVA as we gained more membership. We still have many goals to achieve but I am very proud to say that we are working towards them each and every day. If you like what we are doing here WOHVA needs more volunteers. With our 2014 Raffle about to start along with the convention around the corner we cannot do it alone. Thank you to each and every one of you for your support. I look forward to a busy 2014.





Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's

# Badger Tracks

"Your off-highway vehicle recreation future begins here"

## State News

The Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association (WOHVA) is pleased to announce that legislation establishing a 4WD Sticker Program has gone out in a Dear Colleague Letter at the Wisconsin State Capitol. This is the formal introduction of the legislation and a request for co-sponsorship from your elected representatives.

It is vitally important for every Wisconsin 4WD enthusiast to contact his/her State Assembly Representative and State Senator immediately. Ask your State Assembly Representative to join Representative Jeff Mursau and co-sponsor this legislation in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Also contact your State Senator immediately. Ask your State Senator to co-sponsor this legislation and introduce it in the Wisconsin State Senate.

See the suggested comment letter below.

Re: LRB-0056/1

Dear Senator/Representative,

As a resident and voter living in your district, I am writing you today to urge your support and co-sponsorship for LRB-0056/1.

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the laws regulating the operation and registration of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs). This bill establishes requirements for the operation and registration of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) that are similar to the requirements that apply to ATVs and UTVs.

You may know that at the end of World War II, U.S. soldiers returned from defending their country and often continued their love affairs with the Jeeps that they used in combat. They realized and appreciated that these vehicles were not only tools of war, but had a recreational value which they appreciated. While Jeeps (OHVs) are the oldest form of motorized recreation here in Wisconsin, this group of recreationists has never been fully recognized by the State of Wisconsin.

This long overdue bill recognizes OHVs and OHV recreationists. It further creates a self-funded source of revenue which can then be used to provide trail riding opportunities to this motorized recreation group.

Thanks for your anticipated support of LRB-0056/1. I request that you please co-sponsor this bill and work to assure passage.

Thank you for your time and I am available to further discuss this issue at your convenience.

Sincerely,



[www.wohva.com](http://www.wohva.com)

Continued on Pg. 6



Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's

# Badger Tracks

"Your off-highway vehicle recreation future begins here"

## Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park Individual Annual Membership Application Form

Please complete application, attach payment for \$10 (payable to WORVPI) and mail to: WORVPI, 116 South Lake Avenue, Crandon, WI 54520

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**WISCONSIN OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PARK**  
www.WORVPI.org

## Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park Association/Club Annual Membership Application Form

Please complete application, attach payment for \$100 (payable to WORVPI) and mail to: WORVPI, 116 South Lake Avenue, Crandon, WI 54520

Club/Association Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Contact Person (also voting representative) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**WISCONSIN OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PARK**  
www.WORVPI.org





Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's

# Badger Tracks

"Your off-highway vehicle recreation future begins here"

## The National Front

### Reno Off-Road Expo Off The Hook!

April 09, 2014 6:57 PM

RENO, NV (April 9, 2014). Lockett Shows produce the Reno Off-Road Motorsports Expo every year in Reno, NV and this year they rocked the charts with a very generous donation to BRC. Al and Shirley Lockett, owners and show producers of Lockett Shows (<http://www.lockettshows.com/>) are involved in many promotions, but they are especially fond of the Off-Road Motorsports show because they also love motorsports like four-wheeling.

"BlueRibbon Coalition represents and helps protect all the sports and activities we love in the great outdoors," said Al, "and that is one main reason we get behind BRC every year with our event here in northern NV."

As part of the show, Matt and Daina Smith of Gardnerville, NV orchestrate and run a Silent Auction for BRC involving more than a 100 auction

items. "We are so proud to be associated with such a great organization as BRC," said Daina. "We are committed to being on the landuse and BRC team and this is our way of giving back," she concluded.

The Silent Auction produced over \$7000 in funds raised which more than doubled last year's auction. Del Albright, Director of Operations for BRC said: "Without folks like Matt and Daina working as passionate and dedicated volunteers, groups like BRC would never be able to do what they do."

BRC graciously thanks the over 50 business partners who contributed to the Silent Auction, and who continue to help keep trails open and motorsports alive and well





Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's

# Badger Tracks

"Your off-highway vehicle recreation future begins here"

## 2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### JUNE

4<sup>th</sup> BOD Oshkosh, WI  
7<sup>th</sup> Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM  
15<sup>th</sup> Parking for the KMSR Hillclimb  
Sunburst Kewaskum  
28<sup>th</sup> Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM

### JULY

5<sup>th</sup> Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM  
12<sup>th</sup> Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM  
17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Northwoods Mole Lake JJUSA

### AUGUST

2<sup>nd</sup> Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM  
6<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting, Location TBA  
16<sup>th</sup> Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM  
14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Great Northern Trail Ride,  
Mole Lake  
30<sup>th</sup> Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM

### SEPTEMBER

27<sup>th</sup> Fall Pipeline Work Day

### OCTOBER

4<sup>th</sup> Fall Trails Meeting, Location TBA  
BOD Meeting to be held concurrently  
19<sup>th</sup> Fall KMSR Field and Forest Location  
TBA

### NOVEMBER

5<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting Location TBA

