

Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's

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From "The Northwoods" by CEO John Lewins

Greetings to all fellow WOHVA members,

As you may or may not know I John Lewins have been voted in as the new Chief Executive Officer. I am married to a beautiful Lady Toni Lewins, who is my life partner and biggest inspiration. For those who do not know me I am an eight year member of wohva. I also fill the positions of Trail coordinator for Mole Lake trail system, I am the Mole Lake tribal Liaison, and the Local area coordinator for Jeep Jamboree for the past 3 plus years.

I take all these positions serious and follow through to the best of my ability and would appreciate all the help I can get from all members as I cannot do all by myself, members assistance is what makes this a very rewarding venture.

With the help of my lovely wife Toni Lewins I hope I will serve the membership as well as I can.

My door or phone is always open for suggestions and I want you to feel comfortable communicating with me and other board members as we are the decision makers for our mission with WOHVA.

I am a 30 Year auto technician for Jeep, Chrysler, Dodge, and now Ram and enjoy all facets of this field as it kind of goes hand in hand with Off Highway Recreation.

My wife and I enjoy off highway recreation as most of our time is consumed by all phases of it. We do it for the love of this recreation and the fun of meeting and sharing our time with the volunteers that help WOHVA, which are the back bone and greatest supporters I have ever had the pleasure to meet.

So in closing I just want to thank you all for your support and lets make the future of WOHVA bright and FUN!!

Thank You
John Lewins
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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.



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LAST CHANCE REGISTRATION

2015 GREAT NORTHERN TRAIL RIDE

August 13, 14, 15



What is the GREAT NORTHERN TRAIL RIDE?

It's a full 2 days of guided trail rides in the Great Northwoods of Wisconsin for you and your family and or friends. Any Off Highway Vehicle with a 4-LO transfer case from showroom stock to highly modified can participate. Experienced WOHVA Trail Guides will lead your trail vehicle through "Mild to Wild" off road trails and challenges for the novice as well as experienced driver.

Your registration fee includes a full Lunch, and Dinner Friday and Saturday of the event. There will also be a prize giveaway on Saturday after the dinner.

- **All registrants must pass a safety inspection (See safety check list)**
- **All licenced participants must be WOHVA Members**
- **All vehicles Must have valid Registration**
- **All registrants must carry a WOHVA Approved Spill Kit (available for purchase or rent)**

If you do not own an Approved Spill Kit; kits will be available for rental or purchase for the event at the Tech Inspection Area. (See Registration Form or Store for info)

For more information and the latest details as they develop, visit the WOHVA.com web site.



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Save the date!

Second Annual
W.O.H.V.A.
Golf Outing

To benefit the association with safety equipment, chain saws and tools for volunteers who will help build the Motorized Recreation Area in northern Wisconsin.

Saturday October 3, 2015
8:00 am Scramble with Buffet Lunch to follow.
Participant Cost: \$95.00 workshop
(Price includes: 18 Holes with cart, two drinks, buffet dinner & prizes) RSVP by September 1st.
To register your foursome, please contact:
Jerry Stephens cco@wohva.com

 **Royal St. Patricks Golf Links** 
201 Royal St. Pats Dr.
Wrightstown, WI 54180



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State News

Motorized Recreation Area Update

The Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park, Inc (WORVPI) Phase II Management Team recently met with Paul Millan, Chair of the Forest County Board of Supervisors regarding the Forest Comp Plan amendments. After nearly 18 months of work drafting these amendments, four committee members (David Campbell, William Chaney, Don Dehart and Committee Chair Don LeMaster) voted against allowing the Board of Supervisors to review their work and consider their proposed amendments. Committee members voting in support of moving the amendments to the full Board were William Connors and Larry Sommer (A Special WORVPI THANK YOU go out to both). No details for non-support of the document they drafted was given after their vote.

It is confusing that the Committee would spend countless hours and tax dollars to draft the amendments and then not support their own finished work by forwarding it on to the County Board. The confusion is compounded by the fact that 2011 - Forest County Comprehensive Plan (adopted in 2011) called for working to locate a destination MRA in their county and that the Forest County Outdoor Recreation Plan (2012) identified the MRA as Forest County's top priority.

When asked, Millan could not explain the actions of the Committee. So, after all numerous county meetings, the MRA Park Project remains an undecided issue for the Forest County Board of Supervisors.

We witnessed a wanton willingness by the Committee to override the ability of the County Board to be included in the decision process. The Committee demonstrated they could not stand up to a small group whose focus was to not advance arguments, but only criticize and attack alternative views. Their strategy was to deny legitimacy through the use of misinformation and lies to override the democratic process, thus cheating residents and tax payers out of allowing their County Board to make an informed and impartial decision about the merits of the amendments.



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As a charitable, non-profit corporation operating here in the Badger State, our corporate affairs are governed by our Board of Directors. All voting Directors are elected by our membership. A bona fide interest in motorized recreation and/or economic development are the only essential qualifications for membership. Ownership of an OHV is not a prerequisite.

For more information on all things WORVPI visit www.WORVPI.org, visit us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



OHV Safety Contest Says: "Show Us Your Helmet Hair"

You ride. You take off your helmet. And there it is: helmet hair. A mass of hair going every which way for all to see that you are a rider and proud of it. This year, in Arizona, showing off your helmet hair can win you big prizes.

The Arizona Game & Fish Department, responsible for off-highway vehicle

(OHV) safety education, created a contest to encourage ATV and ROV (side-by-side) riders to wear a helmet and other safety gear. Started last February, it's called "Show Us Your Helmet Hair."

The Department is partnering with OHV-related businesses in the Phoenix area for prizes, and promoting "Helmet Hair





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The National Front

Washington Newsletter

June 2015

Transportation Reauthorization Update

Just prior to leaving Washington for the Memorial Day holiday, Congress reauthorized federal transportation programs, including the Recreational Trails Program, for a whopping two months. One can conclude there are two possible reasons for the two month extension. The first reason is that a multi-year extension is in the works and only 60 additional days are needed to complete work on the details on finding the necessary revenue to fund a multi-year bill. The second reason may be they don't have a clue on how to fund a multi-year reauthorization bill and have decided to kick the can down the road for two months in hopes that in that time someone will have a brilliant idea on how to tackle the problem.

Seriously though, the "problem" is not easily solved. To do a multi-year bill, say for 6 years, anywhere from \$90-100 billion in additional revenue would have to be raised to fund the measure.

The existing federal excise tax on fuel just doesn't cover it. Politically, it is a difficult job to raise taxes, even taxes on fuel. To have funded the bill through the end of 2015, the tax writing committees would have had to identify more than \$11 billion in additional revenue sources. Even the two month extension has a cost to it.

We keep harping on the subject because the life of the Recreational Trails Program is tied to the transportation reauthorization measure. This means, of course, you will be hearing more about this in the coming months. We keep hoping that a multi-year solution will be found, though our fear is that the political will is such that only short term measures will be achievable





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Great Northern Trail Ride

Aug 2015



July 2016



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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 _____

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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