## Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's

# Badger Tracks

## From the desk of the CEO

#### Dear 2014 WOHVA Member

You have been a member of Wisconsin Off Highway Vehicle Association during one of the most exciting years in our history. Wait.....if you thought this year was good, just wait until 2015. Your "off road" partner is already laying plans for bigger and better events.

The annual meeting held at the Mole Lake Lodge last April was a well attended and informative convention. The annual meeting planned for April 2015 will be our best yet. Guest speakers are being arranged, a chain saw class is being organized and information stands are being prepared to allow attendees full access to our "state of off road in Wisconsin" info.

Were you able to attend the 2014 GNTR? If not, you missed the event of the summer. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Northern Trail Ride went down in the books as the best ever. Our G.N.T.R. event that was held on August 14, 15, and 16 will also go down as the best attended GNTR in its seven year history. With the help of our sponsors, we were able to bring in 61 OHV enthusiasts in 33 vehicles from Wisconsin, I llinois and Minnesota to enjoy two full days of guided trail rides in beautiful Northern Wisconsin.

It was the vision of the Board of Directors of WOHVA and the GNTR Planning Committee to inform, entertain, and provide a family oriented environment for our participants. Mission Accomplished! The Committee is already at work to make the 2015 GNTR better yet.

New for 2014 was the WOHVA 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing held at Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links in Wrightstown just south of Green Bay on Saturday October 4th. While the weather was less than perfect, all of the participants thoroughly enjoyed and were challenged by the links. Next year's event will take place around the same time. Please join us for a truly enjoyable golfing experience.

As you can see, your off road partner is busy working to offer you value for your membership dollar. But we also need you as a partner to promote our sport in the State of Wisconsin. Please join us in or efforts to keep Wisconsin Off Road friendly. Your membership renewal is vital to this organization. Thank you for your past support of the Wisconsin Off Highway Vehicle Association. To facilitate faster service and eliminate some accuracy concerns WOHVA requests new and returning members use the on-line registration function found on www.wohva.com

The WOHVA board of directors is available to answer questions about OHV use in Wisconsin. Please contact <a href="mailto:ceo@wohva.com">ceo@wohva.com</a> or send a private message on www.wohva.com/forums. WOHVA is a member driven association, your association is what YOU make it.



#### Save the date!

Make sure to mark your calendars for the Extreme Off Roaders annual I ce Races. Each year Extreme sponsors 2 ice race events in the Fox Valley area.

February 7th Menominee park Oshkosh, WI

February 14, 2015
Paynes Point Hook & Spear Fishing Club, Inc.
Neenah, Wisconsin

10 am registration, racing begins at Noon.

Trophy to winners. Three vehicles makes a class, no less.

Helmet required for studded class.

\$10 entry fee.

Visit the Extreme Off Roaders on their facebook page www.facebook.com/extremeoffroaders4x4









## Field & Forest Dual Sport ride Sunday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 2014

The morning air was crisp, there was a cover of frost on the ground, it was a classic Wisconsin fall morning, the troops have assembled, let the games begin!

As we have for the past number of years WOHVA assisted the Kettle Moraine Sport Riders with the lunch stop for their annual Field & Forest Dual Sport Ride. This year's event was held at Lake Lenwood Campground near West Bend, WI. The shelter at the lake front combined with the trees changing color provided a great fall atmosphere.

Over 200 riders, plus workers, came through the line. It was nice to see some familiar faces, families and friends. Most appeared to be in fine condition, but of course the trail was more than some could handle.

A HUGE Thank You all the volunteers that helped with this years event. It was great to see some new faces along with the usual veterans. Without the awesome support of our membership these events wouldn't be possible! WOHVA VOLUNTEERS ROCK!











## State News

WISCONSIN- Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Road Study Deadline Extended

Dear BRC Action Alert Subscriber,

The U.S. Forest Service is extending the deadline of the road system study on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

The road study is analyzing all of the forest system roads for their existing use and characteristics, need for management activities and public access, benefits, environmental risks and maintenance costs.

The number of overdue road maintenance projects continues to grow in the Forest Service and public use is increasing. Roads that cannot be adequately maintained can be unsafe to visitors and threaten forest health. They can increase sedimentation into rivers and streams, degrade water quality and impact fish and wildlife.

The Forest Service has extended the public comment period to gather additional comments on how visitors use and view forest system roads. The comment period will now end Dec. 31, 2014.

In addition to the comments received from the public, the Forest Service is analyzing agency needs for access to manage the forest. Criteria under consideration includes analyzing each road's benefit, potential risks to visitor safety and forest health and agency costs to manage the road. The road study is not a decision, but is intended to help inform possible future road management planning. Before any future actions are taken, the Forest Service will provide additional opportunities for the public to participate in the process.

Anyone may view maps of the national forest roads and provide input through an online comment form at <a href="http://go.usa.gov/wN9F">http://go.usa.gov/wN9F</a>. Hardcopy maps and comment forms are also available for review at each Ranger District office and the Forest Supervisor's office. For more information about the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and the road study, please visit <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/cnnf">www.fs.usda.gov/cnnf</a>.

Thanks in advance and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact BRC.

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#### **Press Release**

For Immediate Release November 19, 2014 Contact: John Schnorr, (715) 490-5463 or president@WORVPl.org

#### **WORVPI Partners with UFWDA**

The Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park, Inc. (WORVPI) and the United Four-Wheel Drive Associations (UFWDA) have formally partnered to work cooperatively to assure development of a Motorized Recreation Area (MRA) in Northern Wisconsin. The two groups recently signed a Memo of Understanding (MOU) outlining the details of their Partnership.

UFWDA is a non-profit association. This group of motorized recreation enthusiasts represents full-size 4WD vehicles (trucks, Jeeps, etc.) internationally as well as nationally. UFWDA is the only Organization that represents full-size 4x4 enthusiasts exclusively

Signing on behalf of WORVPI was WORVPI President, John Schnorr. Bob DeVore, UFWDA Treasurer signed on behalf of UFWDA. "DeVore's signature, demonstrates worldwide support for a Forest County MRA from the full-size 4x4 community", said Schnorr.

"This is an outstanding accomplishment for WORVPI. While UFWDA has supported WORVPI financially on small projects, this Partnership takes support from motorized recreation enthusiasts to whole new level", stated Schnorr. "Just imagine, vacationers from New Zealand, South Africa, or maybe even Poland visiting Forest County each summer? This is exciting for WORVPI!", continued Schnorr.

For information on WORVPI visit <a href="https://www.WORVPI.org">www.WORVPI.org</a>. If your group or club is interested in volunteer opportunities/partnering contact WORVPI at info@WORVPI.org for information.



## The National Front

## New House Committee Chairs

With term limits as well as retirements, a series of House committee chairmanships came up grabs for the 114th Congress. Three House committees are of particular interest to us: The House Natural Resources Committee; the House Agriculture Committee; and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

As we reported last month, Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) will become the new Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee. He has already announced who he is placing in key staff positions on the committee and these are individuals with whom we have worked closely over a number of years. We are very much looking forward to working with Rep. Bishop and his team.

Rep. Mike Conaway (R-Texas), will become the next chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. The Agriculture Committee is important to us because it has jurisdiction over the U.S. Forest Service. While Rep. Conaway doesn't have a lot of public lands in his district, he has been a long time advocate of managing federal lands so they remain open to recreation as well as resource management.

Finally, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will have a new Chairman, Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah). Rep. Chaffetz brings a new sense of energy to the committee and has already demonstrated an ability to work with the Democrats on the committee. Of particular interest to us is the fact that Rep. Chaffetz will be establishing an Interior Oversight working group, possibly a subcommittee, to focus on the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service, as well as the U.S. Forest Service. We believe Chairman Chaffetz will be coordinating closely with Chairmen Bishop and Conaway similar efforts.







## Mole Lake Northwoods Jeep Jamboree USA July 2015



Great Northern Trail Ride

Aug 2015





#### 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

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

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Club/Association Name		7 7 7	Name of Contact Person (also voting representative)		
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