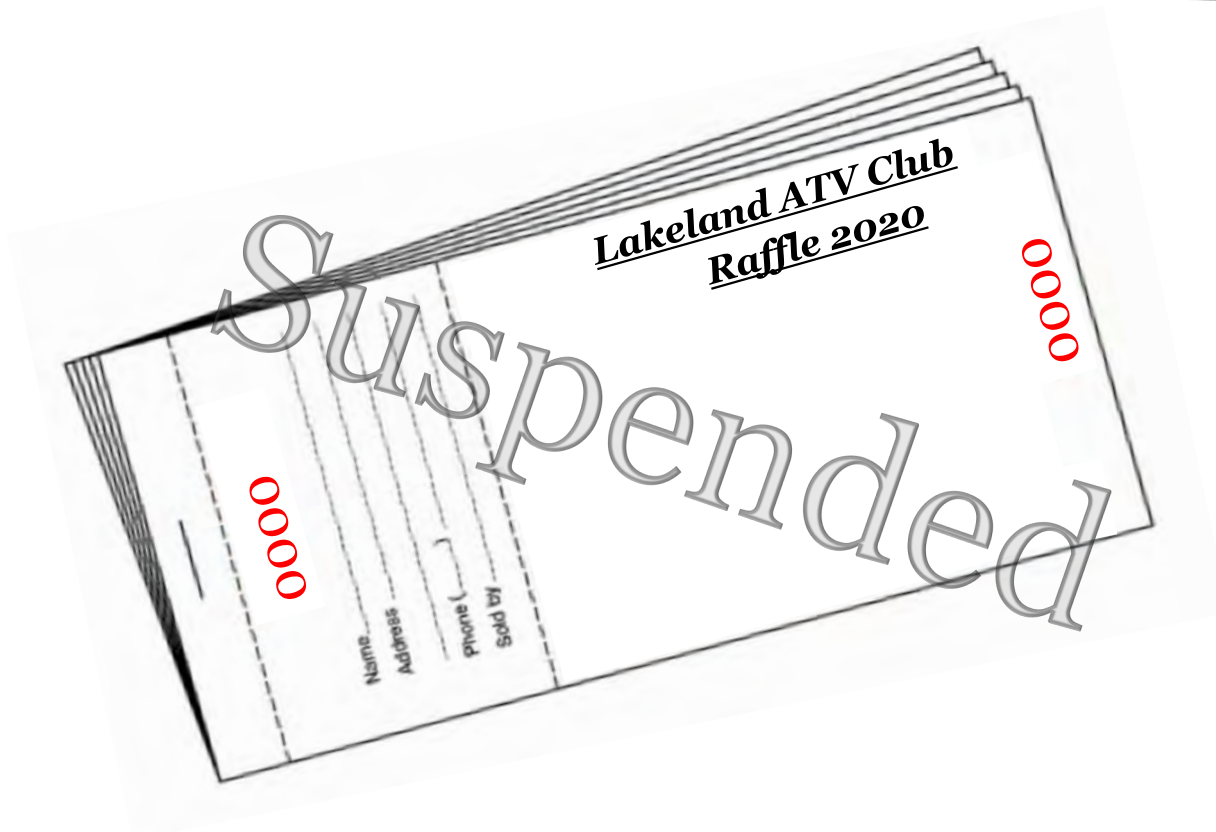


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LAKELAND ATV CLUB

March 2020 NEWSLETTER



Sorry,

Due to the COVID - 19 Virus,

Our Cash Raffle has been Suspended for now.

Hi Everybody !!

“ Well I got enough toilet paper to put in all my neighbors trees come Home Coming ! “

Seriously, I hope everybody is staying safe and a BIG THANK YOU to all our Health Workers !

The Meeting Dates that I'm posting are as of today, these could change due to the Virus. I will send out updates as I hear of them. So please watch for Monthly Newsletter Updates!
Thank You.



*Due to suspending our Main Fund Raiser,
If anybody has an idea on how we could sell 300 tickets
or any other fund raising idea's, Please call Darwin Lohse, 920-960-5841.*



**Our yearly raffle is needed to keep up with expense's !!
We have a lot of new trails to open and a lot of signs to purchase !!**



On Hold

Date to Mark on YOUR Calendar:

On Hold

August 1st - WATVA Northwestern Meeting @ Woodruff Town Hall
9 am - meeting
12 - Lunch
Club Ride after Lunch

Upcoming 2020 Meeting Dates:

Cancelled

WATVA Work Shops

Cancelled

~~← April 3 rd - 5 th - Stevens Point →~~

Cancelled

General Meeting

Cancelled

~~← Thursday April 9 th - Musky Shores - 7 pm →~~

General Meeting

Thursday May 7 th - Shamrock Bar - 7 pm

On Hold

General Meeting and Ride

Saturday June 6 th - Fireman's Park - 8:30 am

Coffee and Donuts - Followed by Club Ride

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Saturday July 11 th - Fireman's Park - 8:30 am

Coffee and Left over Donuts from June - Followed by Club Ride

On Hold

WATVA North Eastern Regional Meeting

August 1st - Lakeland Hosting at Woodruff Town Hall

More info/discussion at the March Meeting

On Hold

Mark Your Calendar's

2020 Lakeland Christmas Party

Minocqua Brewery - Dec. 5th

Cocktails @ 6 pm - Dinner @ 7 pm

Gourmet Hamburger Bar - Cost \$15.95
(we will have plenty of room for ALL !)



General Membership Dues Reminder

The annual general membership dues are due **May 1, 2020**. Cost of membership has remained the same **\$25.00** for individual or family residing at the same address. We will be sending out Membership Forms and Return envelopes for your convenience. If you have already paid your **2020 - 2021** dues, we appreciate your support. If not you can go to our website: lakelandatvutv.org, click on the join tab at the top of the page and complete the information and pay with Pay Pal or check. If you are renewing please complete all the information so we have current up to date information.

To Our Sponsor's, Your Sponsor Fee included our \$25 Membership Fee. Thank You !

If you can help the club with club activities, please consider checking the items that you are willing to help with.

Maps Are Coming !



"HAPPY TRAILS"



NOTE: This Article was written by Tom Lynn. Tom has helped me out in this newsletter with Fun Places to Visit.

Hello Lakeland ATV / UTV Club Members

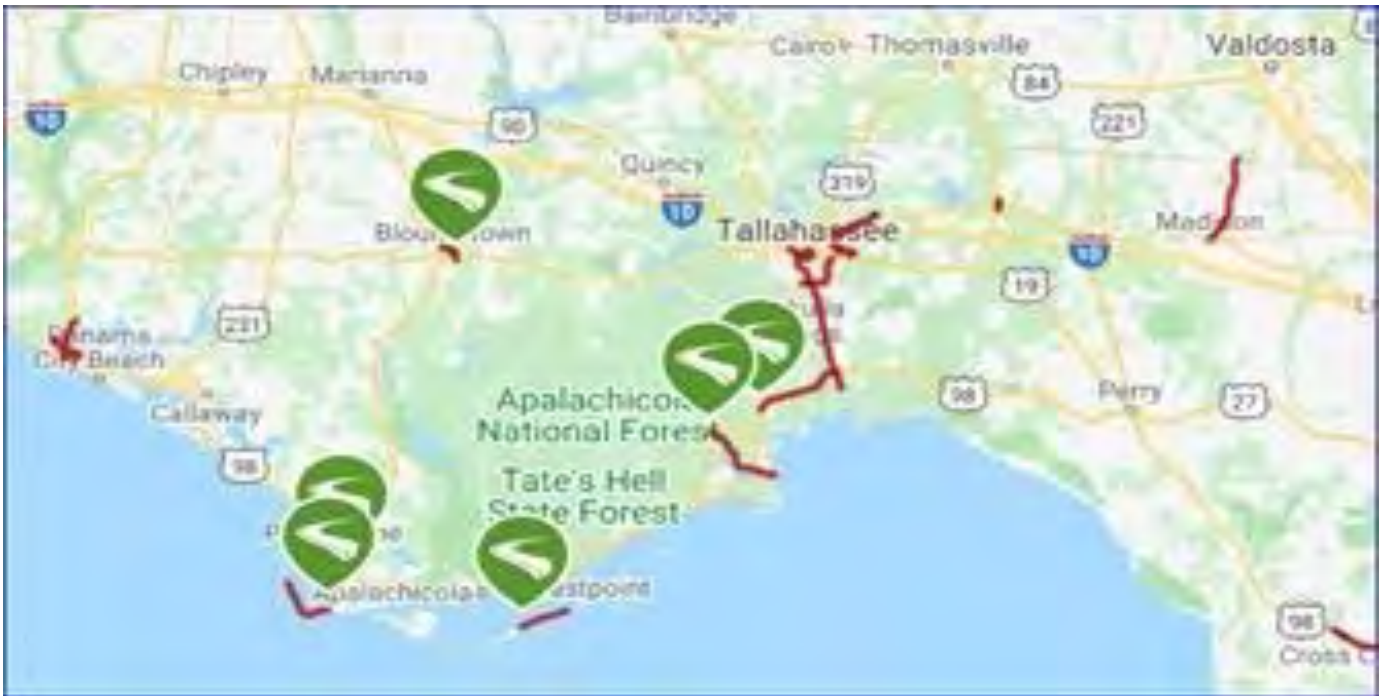
From a past Lakeland ATV / UTV Club President and founder, greetings from sunny Florida. I had asked Steve Niebuhr if he would welcome me penciling an article together for our club news letter and he agreed to let me give it a try.

My wife Terri and I retired last year and as part of our retirement plan, we decided to fully embrace the ATV life. What I mean by fully embracing the ATV life is that we purchased a camper style trailer for the ATV's and intend to explore other states trails around the United States. We truly love riding, exploring and seeing the beauty of our forests. The people we meet along the trails and routes have been some of the best in the world. Some of the states we intend to explore this year are Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia in addition to our southern home of Parrish, Florida. We still spend our summers in the Northwoods of Wisconsin.

We are so thankful for all the work our club in Wisconsin has accomplished. I know this is a monumental effort. It is hard to imagine what has been accomplished when I look back 10 years ago. All of the neighboring towns around Minocqua that have opened our trail and route systems is truly remarkable. It is such a pleasure during the summer months to leave from our driveway and get on the Lakeland ATV / UTV Club trail and routes. Our summer home is west of Minocqua on Franklin Lake and we frequently ride during the summer months. Our rides during the Summer have been to our South, West, East and North. Last year we rode just over 1500 miles.

This Fall, when we left Wisconsin, we brought our ATV's with us to Florida with the intent to ride this state. Believe it or not there are trail systems down here, it's not all beaches and Disney. The trails that we researched while here are in the Apalachicola National Forest, just south of Tallahassee, Tate's Hell State Forest, a little further south and the Ocala National Forest trails, located by Ocala, Florida. The trail systems are similar to our trails, well marked but a little different. The trail bases are mostly sand and the topography is very flat. The vegetation is mostly Pines with Palm trees mixed in, makes for a very pleasant ride. It is not uncommon to see Bears, Wild Hogs, Alligators, Armadillos and Snakes.

Other than the National and State trails, there are quite a few ATV parks around the state of Florida. These are usually under 500 acres and appeal to the quad style ATV and high-performance Razor UTV riders. There is one located not far from our home near Fort Meade and close to the Phosphate Mines in central Florida. We have not explored these yet but plan to before we head back north to Minocqua. The progress that all of the clubs in Wisconsin have made with ATV / UTV Trails and Routes are really special. We have not seen anything like what we have in any other state yet. We should all feel fortunate to have the access that we have in Wisconsin.



This past month we attended one of the many festivals, the Swamp Cabbage Festival, in LaBelle Florida. This 54 year old festival really embraces the surrounding farming community and pays homage to “Swamp Cabbage”. Swamp Cabbage is made from the “Heart of Palm” and is like a relish when they have finished. Believe it or not, it is really good on Bratwurst. The spirit of this farm community was simply awesome. I had the chance to talk to a couple of ATV enthusiasts that really have taken these machines to the extreme. Many of them spent more than \$35K on these units and as you can see are like nothing you have ever seen. These photos were taken from the Parade which lasted for over an hour and a half. After the parade there is a huge festival at the park next to the Caloosahatchee River. Fun Times had by all.



We look forward to heading back north this spring and look forward to riding our trails. Terri and I wish everyone in the club the best and look forward to seeing you at the June club meeting. Until then, stay safe.

Tom and Terri Lynn

