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## *ATV Route and Trail Progress Update*

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As the first phase of trying to get an ATV Route and Trail system built in Pierce County, Trail Committee Chairmen Darren Place and Tony Brantner, along with a handful of other volunteers such as Larry Johnson, Dave Swenson, Scott Jones, Ron Anderson, and Eric Markwardt, have been working with a number of townships over the past few months in an attempt to get them to adopt ordinances which would permit the use of ATVs on township roads which have been designed and signed as ATV Routes.

In the Spring of 2007 nine townships in the northern and eastern parts of the county (El Paso, Ellsworth, Gilman, Martell, River Falls, Rock Elm, Spring Lake, Trimbelle, and Union) were identified as the focus of activity to begin trail development.

A number of meetings were held with the various Town Boards over the course of the summer with varying degrees of success in getting them to consider adopting the ATV Route ordinance.

At the end of September representatives from 7 of the 9 townships mentioned above got together with representatives from the PCAA to define and agree upon a common set of restrictions on the ATV Route ordinance. These restrictions include:

1. All ATV operators shall observe a speed limit of 40-mph or the posted roadway speed limit, whichever is lower.
2. All ATV operators shall ride single file.
3. The allowed hours of operation shall be from 6:00am to 8:00pm during Daylight Savings Time and from 6:00am to 7:00pm during Standard Time.
4. All ATV operators under the age of 18 and those born on or after January 1, 1988 shall possess a valid state-issued ATV Safety Certification.
5. All ATV operators ages 12 to 15 must be under the direct supervision of a parent or legal guardian at all times when operating on a

designated all-terrain vehicle route.

Progress on getting the ordinance changes in each and every township is slow because members from the PCAA must first attend a monthly Town Board meeting to request at least one and sometimes multiple public hearings about the requested ordinance change. If the Town Board is willing to hold the public hearing it must then be scheduled and advertised at least 15 days in advance so that the public can provide input to the town boards for or against the ordinance change.

If the results of the hearing(s) are positive, the next step is for the Town Board to do a public reading of the proposed ordinance change at an upcoming monthly meeting. Most Town Boards then want to wait at least 1 month before voting on the adoption of the ordinance. If the vote passes then the ordinance is signed and it's then up to the PCAA to sign the routes in that particular township before they're considered legal ATV Routes.

As can be seen, there are a LOT of meetings involved and a LOT of time is required from the few volunteers that have been involved so far, especially from the Trail Committee Chairmen. **Additional volunteers are still greatly needed to help drive these processes to completion in each and every township.**

Votes on the ATV Route ordinance will be taking place in Ellsworth, El Paso, Martell, and Trimbelle townships over the next 2-3 months. Some of the townships, especially El Paso, have a strong anti-ATV sentiment so it's vitally important that we have as many PCAA members as possible present at these meetings to support for these changes.

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## *PCAA Annual Meeting Review*

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The PCAA Annual Meeting, Landowner Appreciation, and Family Fun Day was held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Gas-Lite Bar and Grill in Trimbelle Township.

Scott Jones coordinated an ATV riding course and other games for kids and 61 Marine and Sports in Hastings provided several Polaris ATVs for the kids to ride.

Door prizes were given away every 30 minutes from Noon to 8:00pm and a silent auction was also held from Noon to 8:00pm. The silent auction raised roughly \$1800 for the club.

A special thanks goes out to Dave Swenson and Collette Larson for coordinating the event and soliciting a LOT of door prizes from a large variety of businesses around the county. Thanks also to Bill Fleischmann at the Gas-Lite for allowing the PCAA to hold our event there.

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***Fall ATV Safety Class a Success***

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The second PCAA-sponsored Wisconsin DNR ATV Safety Class was completed by 30 Pierce County youths and adults on September 17, 2007.

The class was taught by Henry Marson and Eric Markwardt from the PCAA. Wisconsin DNR Conservation Warden Brad Peterson attended one session to discuss and answer questions on the rules and regulations of riding ATV's in Wisconsin.

Additional classes are being planned as the need warrants, with the next one probably happening in early 2008. If you are interested in seeing another class held, please contact Henry Marson, Training Chairman, at 715-273-4140.

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***Monthly Meetings***

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The monthly meetings of the PCAA are held at various business sponsor's establishments around the county on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Information on meeting locations and agenda topics is listed on the Events page of the club web site.

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***Town Board Meetings***

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As mentioned above, members are also strongly encouraged to attend the monthly meetings of the Town Boards around the county to show support for the ATV Trail and Route system that the PCAA is working to develop. This is especially important if you are a resident of one of the townships that is being worked with. The more support we can show will make the job of getting the trails up and going a little easier for everyone.

For the townships we're working with, here's a list of when they meet:

<b>Township</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting Date</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>
Ellsworth	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	7:30pm
El Paso	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	8:00pm
Gilman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	8:00pm
Martell	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:00pm
Rock Elm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	8:00pm
Spring Lake	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:00pm
Trimbelle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:00pm
Union	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:30pm

The locations for each town hall can be found in the Municipal Government section of the Pierce County web site at <http://www.co.pierce.wi.us/>.

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***Fund Raisers***

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The PCAA has held a number of successful fundraisers over the last few months. Meat raffles were held on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meeting and on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at Furlong's Bar with over \$1000 being raised at the two events. Another is scheduled for Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Furlong's Bar. Member turnout for these events has been very low so far so please try to attend future events if you can to help drive fundraising for trail and route signs.

A Silent auction was held during the Annual Meeting and it generated around \$1800. Many thanks to the businesses and club members who donated items for the auction and to Dave Swenson, PCAA Fundraising Chairman, for coordinating these events.

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***Name the Newsletter***

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Don't like the cheesy name your editor came up with for the newsletter? Well, we need your help in coming up with a better name. If you have any ideas, let us know. You can email your ideas to [webmaster@piercecounyatv.org](mailto:webmaster@piercecounyatv.org).

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***PCAA Contacts***

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The contacts for the PCAA are as follows:

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### *Club Rides*

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A number of people have expressed interest in resuming the club rides. As deer hunting season and the holidays are fast approaching, the next club ride will likely be in January. Watch the club web site for details. If you've got suggestions for where to go or what to do, please contact one of the club officers or board members or send an email to [webmaster@piersecountyatv.org](mailto:webmaster@piersecountyatv.org).

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### *2008 Membership Renewals*

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Just a quick reminder that per the Bylaws PCAA memberships run on an annual basis from January to December, regardless of when you joined the club during the year. With this in mind, expect to see the renewals for 2008 memberships in the very near future. Members who join in November or December will receive a one or two month grace period and their memberships will be considered as starting at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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<b>Others</b>		
Webmaster	Eric Markwardt	715-262-3286
Fundraising Committee Chairman	Dave Swenson	715-273-6454

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## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

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<b>Date</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>
Thursday, November 8 6:00pm	PCAA meat raffle	<b>Furlong's Bar and Grill</b> , 325 W Main St, Ellsworth
Monday, November 12 7:00 PM	PCAA November meeting	<b>The Bluffs Bar and Grill</b> , N1833 785 <sup>th</sup> St, Hager City, WI
Monday, November 12 8:00pm	El Paso Town Board meeting	<b>El Paso Town Hall</b> , N5325 450 <sup>th</sup> St, Ellsworth Reading of and discussion on the proposed ATV Route ordinance change being requested by the PCAA
Tuesday, November 13 7:00pm	Martell Town Board meeting	<b>Martell Town Hall</b> , W5581 US Hwy 63, Spring Valley, WI Reading of and discussion on the proposed ATV Route ordinance change being requested by the PCAA
Tuesday, November 13 7:00pm	Trimbelle Town Board Meeting	<b>Trimbelle Town Hall</b> , N5310 800 <sup>th</sup> St, Ellsworth, WI Reading of and discussion on the proposed ATV Route ordinance change being requested by the PCAA
Monday, December 10 7:00 PM	PCAA December meeting	<b>Steel Horse Saloon</b> (formerly the Hilltop Bar and Grill), W8766 Hwy 10, Ellsworth, WI

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