



October 2020 Newsletter

Hello Parrish Highlanders,

Hope you had time to ride this Fall. Colors are awesome to say the least. But sad to say that the leaves are falling fast. This last 9 months have been different in our world, but also has brought on a lot of thinking. Lots of changes have been made in Langlade County and I would like to tell you about them.

For years now I have told our members to support your local county voting and it sure helped on our level. Things have happened this year in the ATVing sport that I would never have imagine would happen. Langlade County Highway Dept. voted to open all County Highways to ATV/UTV use. Only 6 Highways in the county are not open in certain areas. A list is on our clubs Facebook page also in this newsletter. Thanks to Brian Braun & Langlade County Highway board & the Langlade County Forestry & Recreation board for all their help to make this happen! This was a goal of the Parrish Highlanders from the beginning about 21 years ago. But all of us need to help to keep them open. **35 mph max speed limit** on all county highways in Wisc for ATVs & UTVs. I have been given a list of fatalities on ATV/UTVs in Wisc. Only one person died that was wearing a helmet, the other 25 riders died from not wearing a helmet or UTV seat strap restraints not being used. But 19 of 25 were rollovers. What does that tell you, too fast for conditions I would say! The helmet law for our younger riders is still in place for ATVs & UTVs, but the older generation should set an example for your children & grandchildren and let's try to stop some of these fatalities.

River Bridge Project is still on going. The snowmobile council of Langlade County is taking over this project for safety issues in their sport. I'll keep you posted on further updates on Wolf River Bridge project



Trail Work: Langlade County Forestry had been working on segments of our trail system as weather permits. There has been grading on our trails & the section of Cinder grade, flooded area has been repaired between State Hwy 17 & Cinder Grade. Now we have a rock & gravel bridge across. I was thinking of having signs made up the said "stay on the trail or wear a life vest". We should setup a toll booth on the half way point of the bridge over troubled waters! Just kidding..... In the last newsletter I asked for help and I did receive some! Thank you!



There is still some brushing to be done, so if you see a sign to be brushed out please do so. This is a good time to be in the woods helping your club. Don't be afraid of cutting back too much, it will grow back quickly.



Shelter: Our new shelter will start construction in mid to late November this year. When Langlade County took in bids for this shelter was 11 months ago at \$32K as of now Lumber & material prices have skyrocketed. Our club voted on some upgrades to the original shelter like skylights to have more light in thru the day, add electric wiring to be used with our generator when we have events like chili dump for crockpots & nescos, put in 6 can lights in ceiling & outside solar lighting if possible. SO if you know someone to volunteer their time to help install these things before we close up wall & ceiling please call me at 715-275-3323 or email to parrishhighlandersatvclub@gmail.com. We'd like to get this done while the shelter is being built, a person with solar wiring skills would sure help. We are thinking about setting up a GoFundMe Page for help with the additional costs of the shelter. If you would like to donate you can also mail to PO Box 374, Elcho, WI 54428. Thank you to all of you for your support.

*** We are also looking into setting up online payment for yearly dues.*



Fall Ride 2020:



Fall Ride: Thanks to all of our dedicated club members. We had a great fall ride from Carter Casino we covered some really beautiful trails in Forrest, Oconto & Langlade Counties. Thanks to the Wild Rose Bar & Grill, we enjoyed a great lunch of baked chicken, real mashed potatoes & fresh green beans, meat loaf & riebens. To say the least Mary Kay Van Ooyen setup a great lunch stop on Monday, and finished the ride from Parrish to Carter Casino in Wabeno. Tuesday rode 96 enjoyable miles with lunch at Dunbar, WI. Richard & Linda Meier from our club were our guides. They do an excellent job every year. This year we only had 8 machines with 13 riders. Also, thanks to Bud Bradford our VP for planning this event, which wasn't easy during these difficult times. But a good time was enjoyed by all! Richard & Linda have volunteered to plan next years Fall Ride so be prepared for another great adventure.



Saturday Oct 10 meeting 10am followed by Chili Dump. Bring your homemade chili, Sub sandwiches & fix ins will be provided. All at Parrish Town Hall, ride to follow lunch.

Happy & Safe Trails, *Rus*

All Lantlode County Highways are open to ATV/UTV Use, except 6 listed below. If a road or section of road is not open the road will be signed as such. **Ride smart, Ride Safe.**

CTH A: USH 45 to Campground at CTH TT
CTH S: STH 47 to CTH A
CTH TT: CTH A to CTH T
CTH K: USH 45 to Campground at Post Lake
CTH H: Five Cent Fire Lane to River Drive
CTH Y: Door Street to Mary Street