

# **Bluff Country ATV Club Newsletter**

**Next Meeting:** November 19th 10:00am @ Stumpy's, Rushford, MN 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month

**Upcoming Events:**

Christmas Party Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

**Notes from November Meeting:**

Called to Order 10:07am

Minutes read and approved

Treasures Report read and approved

**Membership Report:** Heidi: No change.

We had one new family membership added after the meeting. Karrol & Sherry Bublitz

**Old Business:**

**Highland Trails** – No report.

**Hats** – Samples are in – 4 – colors. Hat committee working on getting them imprinted.

**Business Cards** - Need more, need to review changes to cards and add to web site.

**Website** – [www.bluffcountryatv.com](http://www.bluffcountryatv.com) – Brian is working on the ability to sent pictures directly to our web sight.

**ATV Drags** – Motion was made and approved to pay hoedown committee \$168.12

Motion was made and approved to pay the bill for the beer once that is known.

Checks turned in for T-shirts

**Youth Safety Training** – Canceled training due to low numbers that signed up. Look at doing training in the spring. Need better advertising – newspapers and dealers. We are planning on training class in Dover and Rushford in the spring. Dates not set. Brian handed out a “Minnesota ATV Safety Training CD”. I haven’t gone thru it, but it’s the training CD to be reviewed before the classroom training.

**New Business** – Christmas Party – Planning was started on this year’s Christmas Party. A date of December 10<sup>th</sup> was picked at Stumpy’s. Details will be decided at the next meeting.

There was some discussion on fund raising events Rides or Races. No action taken.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:15am.**

**From the Pres** - A reporter for the Star Tribune contacted the club. We were asked if anyone had experience with any of the “cheaper imported ATV’s” (note brand leaders like Yamaha, Suzuki, Kawasaki, etc.) Below is his email and contact information. If you contact him let him know you are a Bluff Country member. Here is his email.

To: <info@bluffcountryatv.com>  
Subject: Imported ATVs  
Date: Tue, 8 Nov 2005 11:31:22 -0500

Hi, this is Aaron Blake with the Minneapolis Star Tribune. I'm working on a story about the ATV industry, and I'm trying to find someone who is using or has used one of the cheaper, imported ATVs (Kazuma, Jackel, etc.). I ran across your club on the Minnesota ATV Association website and thought you might be able to help. Any help in finding someone would be much appreciated. Feel free to e-mail me back or call me at (202) 383-0015.

Thank you,

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The number of new ATV's sold in 2005 in the USA totals 813,893 (all fifty states with the last few months projected) (sales figures provided by Dealers News > [DirtWheels](#) magazine November 2005). Minnesota ranked 8th with 26,190. The MN State Administrator web site reports the 2000 census population being 4,919,479 and estimated 2004 to be 5,145,106 ([Admin Minnesota](#)). If you take the estimated 2004 population and divide that by the new ATV's purchased in the state, you get one (new) ATV for every 196.45 residents. Now lets look at the registration fees the state is getting for these. Lets agree that not all the ATV's sold were used for trail riding, "Oh 2 out of 10" were for agricultural use. That gives us  $20,952 \times \$38.50 = \$806,652$ , ([DNR ATV Fees](#)) now add in the agricultural registration  $5238 \times \$14.50 = \$75,951$  for a total of \$882,603. Not including the renewal fees for existing ATV's.

### **Something to think about...**

**Ride after the meeting** – I do not know of any rides after the meeting. With the start of the second season of deer hunting, I do not think it would be wise to ride thru the woods.



Our newest member – Karrol Bublitz

Our ride last month was fun. We had thirteen ATV's and a two wheeler. It was a beautiful day. We did a lot of cross country riding. If anything, we learned a few things on that ride. If you get separated from the group, stay on the main trail and stay put so we can find you. We should really get permission to ride on other peoples land. Hopefully the farmer wasn't to upset that we rode thru his woods before we got on the gravel road. Oops!



