



# Bluff Country ATV Newsletter January 2007

## January's Meeting

January 20, 2007 was our annual January pizza party. We had a great turn-out at the meeting. We gained some new members and also had previous members re-join.

During the party, we held our annual elections. Below are the new position holders for 2007.

Brian Kroning  
President



Rick Weiss  
Vice President



Jean Kroning  
Secretary



Mitch Bublitz  
Treasurer



Heidi Halvorson  
Membership Director



## Directors:

Mike Halvorson



Jan Bublitz



Gary Sikkink



## Christmas Party

It was decided that next year we are going to try having our annual Christmas Party in January. We thought that maybe everyone would be able to enjoy it a little more after the Christmas season passed.

## Website

The Website is continuously being updated. Be sure to check the site often for updates at [www.bluffcountryatv.com](http://www.bluffcountryatv.com). Any member can submit pictures to the photo gallery. Many of the pictures are from club rides, but personal trips or just special photos can also

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be put on the site. Pictures can be e-mailed as an attachment to [brian@bluffcountryatv.com](mailto:brian@bluffcountryatv.com). If you are having difficulty e-mailing pictures, you can also bring them to the meeting on a CD.

### **Chatfield Trail**

The Chatfield trail is moving forward slowly..... It is currently in the DNR's hands doing impact studies. This should hopefully be completed before the spring riding season. The trail is proposed to be open year-round with the exception of hunting season and the spring thaw.

### **Club Rides**

We did not have a ride after the meeting January due to the cold weather. We are planning a ride after the February meeting so bring your ATVs and warm clothing. If anyone has any ideas on future club rides that we can go on after the meeting or on other days, please bring your ideas to the meetings or e-mail them to the secretary at [jean@bluffcountryatv.com](mailto:jean@bluffcountryatv.com).

There was also a suggestion at the meeting about planning a club trip (3-4 days). A tentative time that was picked was early August. Bring your suggestions on where to go for this trip to the next meeting.

### **Membership**

If you have not re-joined for 2007, you can now join via the website, send a check, or re-join at the next monthly meeting. If you go to our website and click on membership, you will be able to choose between membership renewal, joining online (paying through paypal) or printing the membership form and mailing it with a check to: PO Box 191, Rushford, MN 55971. Family membership is \$20 and a single membership is \$15.

If there are any updates to your membership information, please e-mail our Membership Director or let her know at the next meeting.

### **Newsletter**

Mike Bublitz has decided to give up his position as Secretary that he has held for the last two years. Mike is the founder of our newsletter and has done a wonderful job with it over the past few years. We all appreciate everything that he has done.

This is my first newsletter as Secretary. Hopefully you will not find too many errors, and if you do, thank you for kindly overlooking them. If you have any suggestions on what to put in the newsletter, please feel free to e-mail me at [jean@bluffcountryatv.com](mailto:jean@bluffcountryatv.com). If you know of any member that would like to be added to the e-mail list, please forward that information to me too. It is fine to have multiple e-mail addresses for each family.

Now I will turn it over to the President.....

### **President**

As you have seen in the newsletter, we have some new officers and directors for 2007. I would like to thank Mike Halvorson, Mike Bublitz, Carl Vogel, Loren Scharmer, and Frank Gerry for the fine job they did for the club in 2006.

2007 is going to be a very exciting year with the opening of the club's first sponsored DNR Grant-In-Aid trail. This is and huge leap forward for ATV recreation as it will increase the available trail system in SE Minnesota by 33%. It will take effort on the club members to make this a reality but its fun to get together to work on a trail and then ride after.

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## Up Coming Events

February 17, 2007	Meeting	10:00am Stumpy's, Rushford
February 17, 2007	Club Ride	After meeting—riding location to be determined
March 17, 2007	Meeting	10:00am Stumpy's Rushford

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